

Use of an Excavator to Excavate a Grave or a Burial Plot (Skills Card)

At a glance...

Modular customised provision

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| Duration Notes: | Up to 5 days |
| Delivery Method: | Practical observation and assessment |

Introduction

The course will enable candidates to develop skills needed to excavate a grave/burial plot to allow the unhindered passage of a coffin during burial.

Overview in brief

Students will learn to excavate a grave/burial plot, working within the confines of a cemetery/churchyard.

The finer details

The candidates will be shown & demonstrated the full excavation procedure.

Then be asked to prove competency through a practical/theory assessment.

Who should attend?

Any persons working within the bereavement industry in or around cemeteries or churchyards.

May that be full time or personnel used for cemetery cover.

What will be covered?

- PPE
- Risk assessment





- Health & Safety
- Legal responsibilities (The Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977)
- Pre-start checks
- Safety devices
- Excavator controls
- Travelling around site
- Grave location
- Setting out of a grave
- Tapered shaped grave
- Coffin shaped grave
- Casket shaped grave
- Turf protection
- Memorial protection
- Positioning and levelling of the excavator
- Excavating procedure and techniques
- Excavating through shoring
- Backfilling procedure and techniques
- Coffin protection
- Grave re-opening techniques
- Soil types
- Burial protocol
- Reinstatement of grave
- Reinstatement of the surrounding area
- Bucket changing
- Working on gradients.

Other areas of interest

- Use of a Dumper within the cemetery/Churchyard
- Use of a Gantry to lift and Lower Memorials
- Moving a Full Kerb Set Memorial.

