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Information for Donation Bodies

Texas law allows a person of legal age (18 years) to will his/her body without the consent of relatives, for the advancement of medical science, by signing a very simple statement to that effect. The enclosed forms are legal documents whes aI88



CREMATION INFORMATION
RETURN OF CREMATED REMAINS

In compliance with Texas Administrative Code 479.4, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) will agree to return the available cremated human remains of an individual ONLY under the conditions presented in this agreement.

When a body is donated to science in the State of Texas, it has reached its final and permanent legal destination of disposition once it arrives at the institution in which it is donated. In this case, that institution is Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). The relevant statute is contained in the Health and Safety Codes of the State of Texas, 691. A body that is donated to science at TTUHSC may be used in health education, research or both. In the process of education and/or research, parts of the body may be completely destroyed, or they may be kept for teaching purposes. These parts will NOT be available for cremation.

Cremation is a non-reversible process in which human remains are burned in a gas flame at a temperature of about 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, all soft parts of the body vaporize and only burned bone remains. The pieces of burned bone are removed and processed.