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Guide to Unacceptable Coffin Contents

Coffin Trimmings	Coffin Lining: No materials containing Poly-vinyl Chloride(PVC). On combustion, chlorinated compounds can form hazardous poisons that are toxic at low levels and may be carcinogenic. Sheets, Pillows, Mattress: No innerspring and/or latex-based rubber mattresses. No other materials containing PVC. Coffin Hardware: All fittings to be fixed using ferrous (magnet attracting) screws and nails.
Body Coverings	No PVC materials. Clothing: No outer garments made wholly or principally of latex-based rubber or plastic, e.g. wet weather gear, fishing waders, wet suits. Footwear: No rubber/plastic soles or uppers of shoes, sandals, slippers etc. No work boots, military boots, gumboots or similar. Motorcycle: No riding gear or personal protective equipment with Kevlar inserts, motor bike helmets etc.
Surgical Implants	Cardiac defibrillator, battery powered: Not acceptable. Cardiac pacemaker, battery powered: Not acceptable. Drug infusion pump: Not acceptable. Irradiated metal pellets: Not acceptable (Protocol set out in "Guidelines for Handling Deceased Persons Containing Radio-Pharmaceuticals" must be followed).
Bodily Appliances	No fiberglass limbs or prosthesis, prosthetic limbs, calipers or plaster casts. Prosthetic limbs and calipers may include significant metal components, and plaster casts may include metal mesh. Funeral Directors should discuss with the crematorium whether particular bodily appliances will be acceptable in the coffin for cremation.
Personal Effects	Spectacles and jewellery: Not recommended, but acceptable. Handbags: Not recommended. Acceptable if not PVC. Handbag contents: Not recommended. Acceptable depending on materials. Metal walking sticks, pots, pans, glass containers: Not acceptable. Sporting Equipment: No golf clubs, metal or graphite shafts, golf balls, fishing rods and reels etc.

Prohibited Items	The following items are unacceptable for inclusion in the coffin: • Any item containing Poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) or Latex-based rubber. • Any items containing metal or glass, other than deemed acceptable above. • Pathological waste (including infection-control gear, syringes, gauze) and materials used in preparation of the body. • Fluid in any container, including a bottle or can of alcoholic drink. • Any item which explodes when subjected to heat: - Any battery (whether or not implanted in the body); - Pressurized device including aerosol can or gas cylinder. • The body of an animal or bird, or the cremated remains thereof. • Any book, paper or paper products - other than those defined above, and shredded paper in pillows and mattresses. • Any other item not meeting the requirements outlined above.
Permitted Sundry Items	The following extra items ONLY are acceptable for inclusion in the coffin: • A single book. • Photographs without metal frames or glass. • Items comprised entirely of readily combustible materials which DO NOT explode when subjected to heat; upon combustion generate temperatures, emissions, or residues which are unacceptable to the crematorium authority or the relevant Environment Protection Agency.

Ceramic, PVC or urn of other material will not be permitted into a coffin for cremation
Whilst we do not prohibit decanted human cremated remains, we strongly recommend they are integrated following the cremation process by our specialist team members. This procedure ensures all cremated remains maintain their integrity.