

**21 NCAC 34B .0805      REQUIRMENTS FOR REMOVAL VEHICLES**

(a) Licensees shall conduct removal or transportation in a removal vehicle. The removal vehicle shall have a cargo bay that:

- (1) has curtains or tinting on any windows displaying the cargo bay, to obscure the decedent from public view;
- (2) prevents co-mingling or shifting of the decedent while in transit; and
- (3) has flooring that is impervious.

(b) The removal vehicle used by a licensee shall contain the following when removal or transportation is performed:

- (1) Mortuary cot, ambulance cot, casket, or container that is commercially manufactured for the storage of dead human bodies;
- (2) Pillow or head block;
- (3) Sheets and cot cover;
- (4) Rubber or plastic sheeting;
- (5) Towels;
- (6) Zippered mortuary body bag or disaster pouch;
- (7) Straps;
- (8) Impervious tags;
- (9) Pen or marker with indelible ink;
- (10) A universal precaution kit, which shall contain the following:
  - (A) A bio-waste bag;
  - (B) A heavy-duty disaster pouch;
  - (C) Goggles;
  - (D) Impervious foot coverings;
  - (E) Masks;
  - (D) Disposable gloves;
  - (F) Impervious apron or gown;
  - (G) Antiseptic hand cleaner;
  - (H) Disinfectant spray; and
  - (I) A first-aid kit.

(c) A licensee shall disinfect the entire interior of the removal vehicle, including the driver's cabin, as soon as reasonably possible after each removal or transportation of a decedent.

(d) A licensee shall not eat, drink, or smoke in the removal vehicle while engaged in removal or transportation.

(e) A licensee shall not stack decedents inside a removal vehicle unless using shelves designed for such purpose and capable of transporting decedents in a manner consistent with Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.

*History Note:*      *Authority G.S. 90-210.23(a); 90-210.25(c)(9) and (10);  
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