

Dear family members, loved ones and representatives of funeral homes,

Embalming and the washing of an embalmed deceased are not permitted at Helsinki's mortuary facilities

Embalming agents, such as formaldehyde, can be harmful to health. It is not possible to ensure the safe use of embalming agents or to adequately prevent the associated risks of exposure at Helsinki's mortuary facilities. This restriction has been put in place to ensure the safety of clients, their loved ones and staff.

We ask loved ones and funeral homes to please check in advance whether the deceased has been embalmed. If the deceased has been embalmed, the washing of the deceased must be arranged at a location other than the City of Helsinki's mortuary facilities.

Kind regards,

The staff of Helsinki's mortuary facilities