



In the event of the death of a patient on a weekend or holiday, the likelihood of the family wanting to claim the body on the weekend or during the holiday is present.

There is a definite procedure to follow before the body can be released from the morgue:

- 1) **Fill out the Transit Burial Permit Request Form.**
- 2) **During regular work hours (M-F) send the family member to the Bethel Courthouse with this completed form, to obtain a burial permit. After hours; on weekends; or holidays, contact the Bethel Police Dept. (543-3781) or Alaska State Troopers (543-2294). They will contact the on-call judge or magistrate for purposes of issuing the BURIAL PERMIT. The Judge or Magistrate will give you instructions where to meet him to obtain the permit.**
- 3) **Once the family member has brought the Transit Burial Permit to the hospital, the body can be released from the morgue. When the body is released from the morgue, the Transit Burial Permit is sent with the body.**
- 4) **The on-call judge or magistrate should only be contacted when the body needs to be released from the morgue before the regular (M-F) business hours of the court.**
- 5) **Copies of the burial permit can be made for the family if requested.**



Name of Deceased: _____

Birth Date: _____ Date of Death: _____

Sex: _____ Race: _____

Place of Death: _____

Place of Burial: _____

Name of Person or Agency obtaining permit: _____

Send this information to the District Judge or Magistrate who in turn will issue the burial permit to be attached to the body awaiting removal from the morgue.

This form is not a burial permit!
