



Tissue & Eye Donation Notification Information for Medical Examiners

Call in every death, every time

IDN 24 Hour Notification Line: 800-831-4131

Purpose of the Notification Call: MEs and MEIs notify Iowa Donor Network (IDN) of all deaths when death occurs outside of the hospital setting to determine decedent's candidacy for donation.

The Notification Call:

Timely call to 800-831-4131 from ME/MEI is within 1-3 hours of time of death

- The earlier the call, the more likely we can preserve the opportunity of donation

Contact IDN before releasing to the funeral home

Contact IDN before topic of donation is broached with the family

Estimated length of call is 5-10 minutes

The Donation Specialist will ask for the following information:

- ME demographics
 - Decedent demographics
 - Cause of death, if known
 - Decedent medical history
 - Next-of-kin information
 - Autopsy information
 - Funeral home information
 - Location of decedent
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After the Notification Call:

- If the decedent is a candidate for donation, IDN will secure release from the Medical Examiner
- IDN will contact NOK to discuss the option of donation
- Staff may be asked to place ice on the body and document what time cooling begins