

# POSITIONING

## Arms on Sides, Hands Open

The body is placed lying on its back, with arms on the sides and hands open.

## Note on Christian Hospitals

In many Christian hospitals, as soon as a person dies, the arms are put in the shape of a cross. After *rigor mortis*, it is very difficult to move the arms, so if the arms were crossed, they should be uncrossed as soon as possible.

## Feet First

The body is removed from the building feet first. (This is a non-binding custom, not a halacha.)