## **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*.)

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