

## **Islamic Society of Regina**

### **The Muslim Cemetery of Regina Rules and Regulations**

#### **Cemetery Management**

- The Muslim Cemetery and all gravesites are the property of the Islamic Society of Regina.
- The cemetery shall be managed by the Islamic Society of Regina and Cemetery Committee appointed by the Islamic Society of Regina, hereinafter called the Committee. The funeral arrangements shall be the responsibility of the Funeral Sub-Committee.
- The cemetery is only for Sunni Muslims of Saskatchewan Province.
- The Islamic Society of Regina reserves the right to allow or deny the burial of a deceased person for any reason and without any liability.
- The Islamic Society of Regina hereby shall take preventive and legal measures to enforce these rules and regulations.
- Permission of the Cemetery Committee shall be required for the use of the cemetery, and all funeral arrangements shall be made under the supervision of a person from cemetery committee
- ISR disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its control, especially damages caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of military or civil authority, whether damage be direct or collateral.
- The cemetery is located 2.5 km from the bypass on Fleet Street South and visitation by request.

## Gravesite Management

- The CEMETERY and all GRAVESITES MUST be always maintained in accordance with the QURAN and SUNNAH and NOT based on personal or cultural traditions.
- No monument, table, candle, light, object, tomb stone or grave marker is to be installed or erected around or on the lot.
- Head stone will be provided By the Islamic Society of Regina. The head stone is 14" x 10" x 03" and will be installed flush to ground level. The name and date of death of the deceased will be included in the head stone.
- Islamic society of Regina. or its representative reserves the right to remove, without prior notice, ANY head stone not conforming to the ISR
- No person shall be allowed to remove or relocate anybody once buried unless authorized by a competent court or magistrate.
- The grave should be perpendicular (horizontal) to the direction of Qiblah and should be dug at least 6 feet deep.
- All funeral arrangements shall be made under the supervision of the Funeral Sub-Committee in charge.
- Burial will not be allowed without the documents and information as required in the Application Form for Burial.
- Burial lots shall be assigned by the Committee.
- Complete uniformity shall be observed in the structure of the grave site.
- For burial arrangements at least 24 hours' notice shall be required.
- The application for burial should be accompanied by the following documents: Burial Permit.
- No animal, of any kind, shall be buried within the Cemetery.
- No trees, shrubs, flowers, wreath, or tree branches shall be allowed on or around the gravesite. Violators shall be asked to clean up or to pay for cleaning services.
- The follow acts at the gravesite are strictly prohibited AND Violators shall be asked to clean up or to pay for cleaning services.
  - Plastering a grave,
  - Building up a grave,

- Raising a grave,
- Writing on a grave.
- It is important to show Islamic etiquettes during the burial:
  - Do not interfere with the staff's work.
  - Do not step or walk on the graves. You can walk only on the walkways.
  - Every attendant is required to fully respect and protect the properties of the Cemetery; keep clean at all times.
  - No pets are allowed to enter the cemetery at any time.
  - No entry or gathering in groups without prior permission of the ISR
  - Women under the Islamic law can attend the funeral prayer and visit the grave site after the burial, but they not allowed to be present at the burial while it is under way, unless there are no men to do so.
  - All minors MUST be accompanied by an Adult/Parent who is fully responsible for the minor's activities in the cemetery.

The cost of the burial services including, opening and closing of the grave, biodegradable wooden box (if requested), vault, Transportation of the body from the holding place to the cemetery and funeral home charges, Escort Services (if requested), Kafan (Shroud) and other materials to prepare the body for burial, Death Certificate fee is **the responsibility of the deceased family**

## **Burial Process**

- All burial processes should be in accordance with the Sunnah of Prophet (peace be upon him) and there is no room for cultural habits or traditions.
- Preparation of the body (washing, kaffan and shrouding) will be done according to the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and it is not the responsibility of the cemetery committee
- Families must comply with the authentic Islamic burial regulations. Violators will be subject to legal action.
- No internment shall be made without a proper burial permit.
- No internment shall be made unless a relative/personal representative of the deceased fills in and signs the Islamic Society of Regina's cemetery burial agreement.
- Digging a grave is the exclusive and sole responsibility of the grave digger appointed by Islamic Society of Regina Violators will be considered trespassers.
- The deceased shall be laid in the grave on his/her right side facing the Qibla (direction of prayer).
- No one shall be allowed to uncover the deceased's body in part or in total in the grave, at the gravesite, or anywhere within the Cemetery grounds.
- Night burial is disapproved except in situations of necessity.
- Deceased female is laid in the grave by her husband, sons, her father, brothers, uncles, or in the absence of these, by the imam and elderly persons of the community.
- During the burial all people present should observe the solemnness of the occasion by keeping quiet and not indulging chatting, remembering death and the truth of the Hereafter.
- For burial (Dafn) procedure, you have the option for box or no box and a fiberglass vault will be used.