



FUNERAL PARLOURS AND MORTUARIES – PUB 29

General Requirements

Wastewater from funeral parlours and mortuaries may contain high levels of biological waste and chemicals which can impact the wastewater system.

- Funeral parlours and mortuaries require an industrial waste permit to discharge to sewer.
- Disposal of gross solids and body parts to sewer is prohibited.
- Bucket traps will not be considered for disposal of wastes from funeral parlours or mortuaries.
- Sanitary fixtures are not to be used for the disposal of surplus embalming products, cleaning liquids and associated products.

Fixture Requirements

Mortuaries with post-mortems

Mortuaries which carry out post-mortems and other work on cadavers (hospitals, state mortuaries, universities or research mortuaries) must meet the following requirements:

- The autopsy table must discharge through a flushing rim connected directly to the property sewer.
- Where the flushing rim is set in the floor, other waste fixtures within the same room may discharge to sewer through the flushing rim in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS 3500.
- Slop hoppers in the same area must be independently connected directly to the property sewer.

Mortuaries without post-mortems

Premises which only carry out embalming, viewing preparation and storage of cadavers do not require a flushing rim but will require a receiving point for the discharge from the autopsy or work table.

The recommended method is to install a large rimmed stainless steel floor waste, approximately 225 mm to 300 mm diameter at floor level, reduced at its base to enable it to connect with a 100 mm P-trap. The trapped drain can then preferably be connected directly to the property sewer, or alternatively discharge through a disconnector gully.

The waste pipe from the autopsy table can discharge through the grate or via a tundish, under the grate.

Mortuaries without embalming or post-mortems

Mortuaries which only store and prepare cadavers for burial require a 100 mm industrial waste trap in the floor only.

The water seal in the industrial waste trap can be maintained by connecting a sink or basin, from within the same room, to the trap.

More Information?

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