

Depth of burial

Guidance for cemetery trusts

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Regulation 24

This document summarises the minimum depth for burials in Victorian public cemeteries in accordance with Regulation 24 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulations 2015.

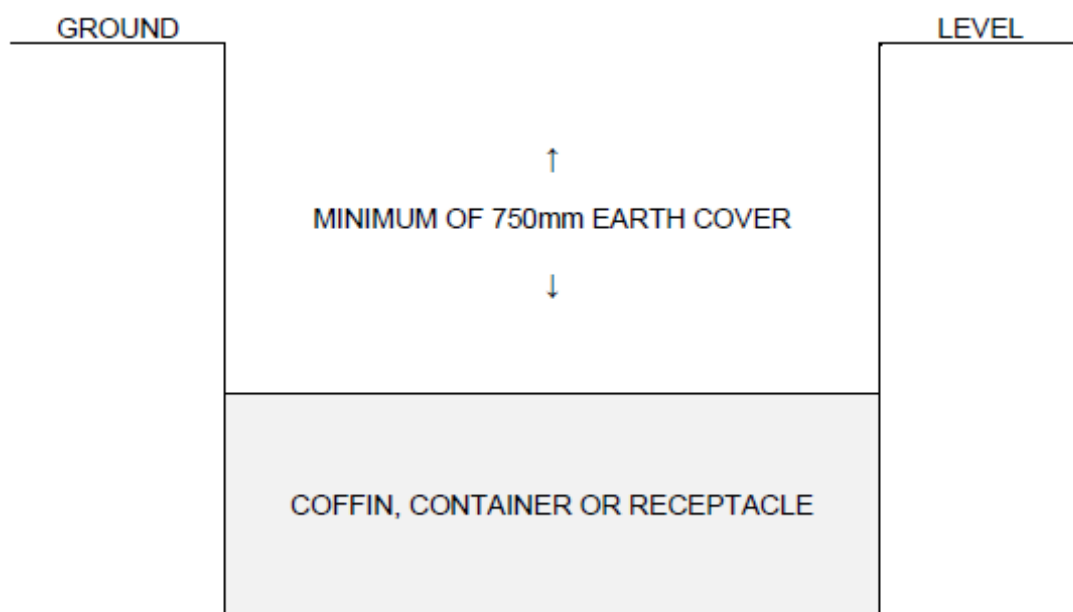
Unsealed

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(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), if human remains other than cremated human remains are interred in a place of interment in a public cemetery, the cemetery trust responsible for that cemetery must ensure that

(b) if the ground above the place of interment is unsealed, there is at least 750 millimetres of earth between the coffin, container, receptacle or those remains and the normal level of the ground.

Penalty: 10 penalty units



Sealed cap

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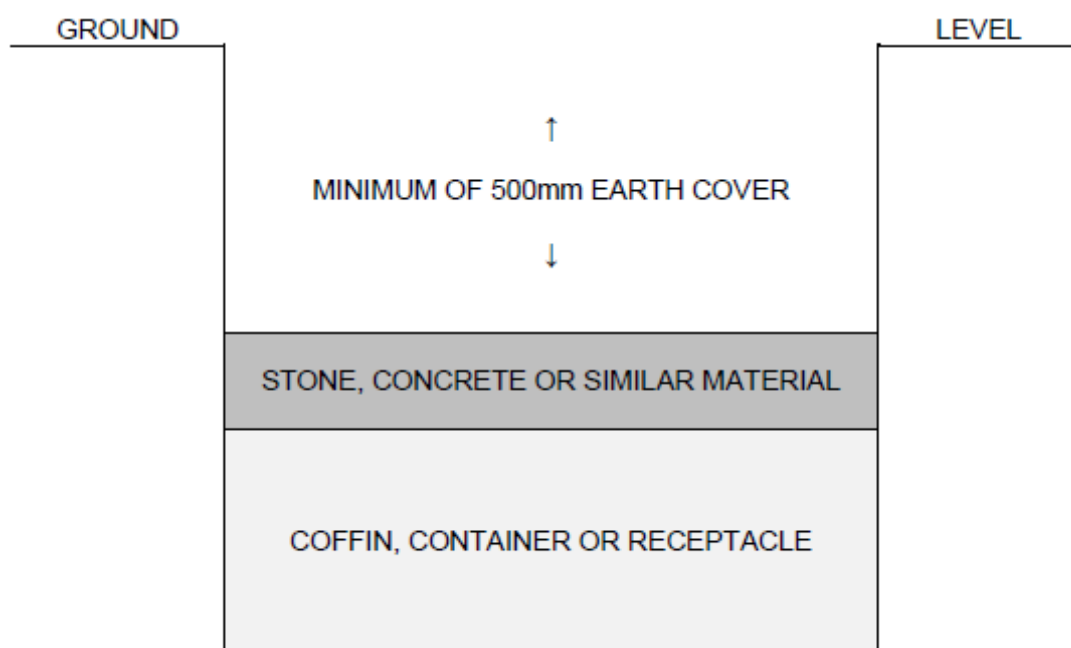
(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), if human remains other than cremated human remains are interred in a place of interment in a public cemetery, the cemetery trust responsible for that cemetery must ensure that —

(a) if the ground above the place of interment is to be sealed with a substantial layer of stone, concrete or similar material—

(i) that layer is placed or poured over the coffin, container, receptacle, or those remains as soon as practicable after the interment; and

(ii) there is at least 500 millimetres of earth between that layer of stone, concrete or similar material and the normal level of the ground;

Penalty: 10 penalty units



Sealed cap and sides

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(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), if human remains other than cremated human remains are interred in a place of interment in a public cemetery, the cemetery trust responsible for that cemetery must ensure that —

(2) Despite subregulation (1), a right of interment may be exercised to inter human remains other than cremated remains in a place of interment if—

(a) that right of interment has been exercised in relation to that place of interment at least once before 28 July 1998; and

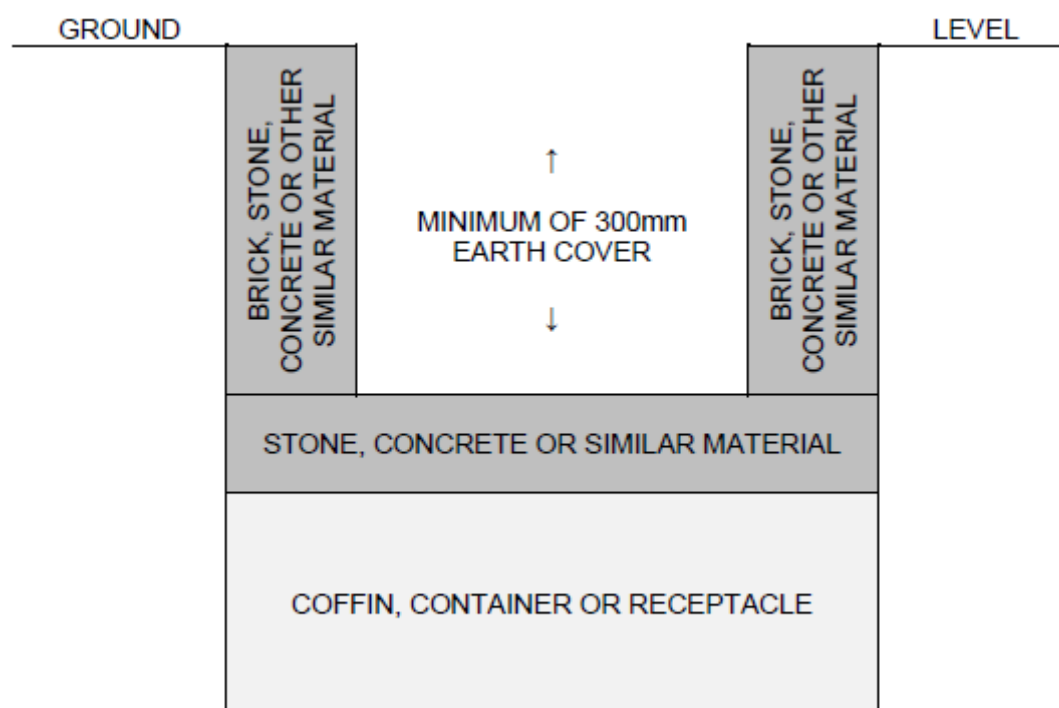
(b) in interring those remains by the current exercise of that right—

(i) the place of interment is resealed with a substantial layer of stone, concrete or similar material placed or poured over the coffin, container, receptacle or those remains as soon as practicable after the interment; and

(ii) the sides of the place of interment above the level of that layer are lined with brick, stone, concrete or other similar material; and

(iii) there is at least 300 millimetres of earth between the layer of stone, concrete or similar material and the normal level of the ground.

Penalty: 10 penalty units



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