

Supplies Checklist

These are the quality materials needed to properly handle, manage, and dispose of cadavers during a mass-fatality event. To ensure access to necessary products during this pandemic and other mass fatality events, medical institutions should work with companies who produce PPE in America. The CDC and state emergency management agencies recommend the following supplies:

- **Masks.** Surgical-grade N95 respirators and CAPR respirator systems are among the choices .
- **Medical gowns.** Gowns are graded in four levels of protection; Level 4 is necessary for infectious diseases such as COVID-19.
- **Body bags.** Look for CDC-approved human remains pouches, heat sealers for bags, and alignment clips.
- **Medical gloves and dispensers.** Nonsterile disposable patient examination gloves are appropriate for offering broad barrier protection, according to the Food and Drug Administration.
- **Autopsy tables, carts, and saws.** Tables should allow for workflow efficiency during postmortem dissection.
- **Racks and body trays for remains storage.** Racks should be heavy-duty, suitable for refrigerated environments, easy to roll, lockable, and designed for loading via forklift.
- **Carriers, pallet systems, and cadaver lifts.** These should work together safely and conveniently.
- **Mortuary refrigerators and freezers.** Coolers and refrigerator systems can come either standard or customized; portable human remains cooling systems can eliminate the need for large, stationary units.
- **Cleaners, disinfectants, and neutralizers.** A clean facility is essential for health and safety.

