

1 Introduction

Aidacare is proud of the high quality workmanship and range of products on offer to Funeral Homes. We uphold a strong partnership with the product brand Sova, that deliver quality products for the Funeral Home industry.

Together, utilising Sova's CAD capabilities, coupled with Aidacare's experienced team of installers, this ensures high quality solutions are achieved for every client.



2 Synopsis

Manual handling within Funeral Homes is continually evolving in becoming a more safe, efficient and dignified process than ever before. With the knowledge of best manual handling practices and the equipment to support this, our experienced staff can advise what is most appropriate to suit your needs.

4 Discussion

It was decided that upgrading both the Mortuary Preparation Room and Mortuary Refrigeration Room would eliminate the manual handling required and allow staff to work safely and independently, leaving other staff free to focus on other tasks.

3 Findings

A risk management assessment was conducted on the manual handling practice at a Funeral Home, where multiple staff were required to assist with the dignified handling of a loved one. It was also becoming an issue when a sole staff member tried transferring a loved one on to the Mortuary Preparation Table, with limited assistance or assistive equipment. The Funeral Home decided to act before any lower back and shoulder injuries were to become an issue.



5 Conclusion

Mortuary Preparation Room

Ceiling Hoist with Mortuary Spreader Bar and Lifting Straps (SWL 363kg)

- Removes any manual handling while transferring the deceased to and from the Preparation Table.
- Allows more dignified placement of loved ones.



Additional Equipment

Chapel Trolley

- Transports the casket from start to finish throughout the Funeral Service.
- Linak electric high and low operation from 480mm to 880mm, allows the casket to be placed in and out of a Hearse with no manual handling required.
- A skirt is also available to transform the trolley in to a dignified Chapel Stand.



Mortuary Refrigeration Room

Racking - 6x Bariatric (SWL 350kgs), 3x Standard



Mortuary Trolley (SWL Up To 350kg)

- Transports loved ones to the Mortuary Preparation Room, Refrigeration Room and Hearse.
- Linak electric high/low reduces manual handling when lifting the body tray to it's desired racking level.
- Heavy duty Guide Rollers assist in the transferring of the body tray to the racking, also reducing manual handling efforts.



6 Implementation

After everything was installed, one of the first users with this equipment was for a deceased bariatric person weighing approximately 170kg. The process was successfully implemented by a staff member with a body mass of approximately 60kg, with no compromising manual handling required throughout the process. She managed this solely without any assistance from others, whereas previously it would take all staff to assist with lifting the casket. The install of the equipment not only eliminates manual handling, but creates more time for other staff to focus their attention on other tasks.