

UNATTENDED DEATH

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CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT

Once it has been discovered that someone has died in a condominium unit, immediately leave the unit and contact the Sherriff's Office (PBSO). The PBSO emergency number is 911. The PBSO non-emergency number is (561) 688-3400.

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NEXT OF KIN/EMERGENCY CONTACT NOTIFICATIONS

There are procedures for notifying next of kin or emergency contacts that law enforcement should be able to explain to the board. The board should work with law enforcement about who to contact and when. The board should have emergency contacts for all units.

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ARRANGE FOR THE BODY TO BE REMOVED

Once law enforcement has given the family or the board permission to remove the body, arrangements can be made with the appropriate relative of emergency contact to do so.

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SECURE THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT

The board should immediately contact a local locksmith and have all the door locks changed. The board and their Property Manager (minimum two persons) should check that the windows and the Lania are securely locked and repair any non-working locks or latches (per the emergency language in your documents). If drugs or weapons are spotted, leave the unit and call PBSO. If there are pets, contact Animal control at (561) 233-1200. The board may have to take steps to prevent mold or insect infestation. Touch nothing. Remove nothing.

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HIRE AN UNATTENDED DEATH CLEANING COMPANY

It's important that the family or emergency contact quickly hires a licensed and insured cleaning company that specializes in death cleanup. If this doesn't happen, the board needs to make this happen. The association has insurance for this. Your Property Manager should have a list of vendors that do this work. UCO also has a list of trusted vendors, recommended by our insurance agency, AssuredPartners. Removed items need to be removed from Century Village and not tossed in the dumpsters.

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