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| Burial depth requirements |
| Guidance for cemetery trusts |
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# Regulation 36

This factsheet summarises the minimum depth for burials in Victorian public cemeteries in accordance with Regulation 36 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulations 2025.

# Diagram of unsealed grave burial depth requirementsUnsealed

If bodily remains or body parts are interred in an unsealed place of interment in a public cemetery, the cemetery trust responsible for that cemetery must ensure there is at least 750mm of earth between the coffin, container, receptacle or those remains and normal ground level.

Penalty: 10 penalty units

# Sealed cap

A sealed cap is a substantial layer of concrete or similar solid material that is installed over a coffin, container, receptacle or human remains to seal the place of interment.

Where a sealed cap is to be installed over bodily remains or body parts interred in a place of interment in a public cemetery, the cemetery trust responsible for that cemetery must ensure there is at least 400mm of earth between the sealed cap and normal ground level.

The sealed cap is to be installed as soon as practicable after the interment.

Penalty: 10 penalty units

# Sealed cap and sides

If an interment has taken place at least once before 28 July 1998 in a place of interment, bodily remains or body parts may be interred in that place of interment if:

1. the place of interment is resealed with a sealed cap as soon as practicable after the interment, and
2. the sides of the place of interment above the sealed cap are lined with brick, stone, concrete or other similar material, and
3. there is at least 300mm of earth between the sealed cap and normal ground level.

Penalty: 10 penalty units



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