Onen Restrictions

An <u>onen</u> is prohibited from doing positive <u>mitzvot</u> so as not to be distracted from taking care of the dead body.

An onen may not:

- Do any positive commandment (no blessings, prayers, *shema*...).
- Eat meat or drink wine (until after the burial).
- Work or operate a business.
- NOTE Before the relative dies, if possible, the <u>onen</u> should sell his business for whatever days he or she will be an <u>onen</u> and in <u>shiv'a</u>. Otherwise, the owner may have to close the business until <u>shiv'a</u> is over.
- NOTE If there will be a large financial loss, consult a <u>rabbi</u>. A large loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss. Consult a <u>rabbi</u> for how much constitutes a large loss.

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