POSITIONING

Arms on Sides, Hands Open

The body is placed lying on its back, with arms on the sides and hands open.

Note on Christian Hospitals

In many Christian hospitals, as soon as a person dies, the arms are put in the shape of a cross. After *rigor mortis*, it is very difficult to move the arms, so if the arms were crossed, they should be uncrossed as soon as possible.

Feet First

The body is removed from the building feet first. (This is a non-binding custom, not a *halacha*.)

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