

How to Lowering Body or Casket Into Grave



Board Placement

Left: Two sheets of plywood are placed along the edge of the grave to create a stable surface to stand on and so the sides of the grave will not erode.

Two 2x6 or 2x8 boards are placed across the grave to hold the coffin.

The straps for lowering the coffin or body should be placed at this point. *See photo below for placement.*



Strap Placement

Left: The straps for lowering the coffin (4 in all) are placed alongside the boards. This should be done before the casket is moved onto the boards.



Lowering

Left: Four people on each side hold a strap and hold the weight of the coffin while the boards underneath are removed.

The lowering of the casket must be done slowly and in a coordinated manner so the casket does not tip to one side.

In this photo the cemetery used a grave liner (concrete box inside the grave). Although that is not necessary for burial it is sometimes a cemetery rule because it helps on lawn maintenance.