



## Advice & Guidelines relating to New & Existing Headstones

### **Where do I purchase a headstone?**

Call Spirit Memorials and we will assist you in the entire process of erecting a headstone for your grave.

### **Find out the size of the grave.**

- It can depend on the cemetery, but standard sizes are as follows:
- Single 4'-0", Double 8'-0" wide

### **Cemetery rules to watch out for.**

- Is it a lawn cemetery – where there are no surrounds around the grave?
- Is there a height restriction?
- Is there a headstone erection/council fee?

### **Who do I need to contact for Permission?**

An application will be submitted to the relevant council by us on your behalf. Only when the permission is granted can the work proceed on the grave. A fee may apply depending on the location of your grave.

### **How long do I need to wait after the burial has taken place?**

Lawn cemeteries should facilitate a headstone to be erected immediately – as soon as you wish. Where a foundation is not provided and one has to be put in place it is advisable that the grave is not cemented until the ground settles, normally at least 4 months.

### **What is the lead time on a headstone?**

Once the relevant permission has been granted the order can proceed. Normally and dependent of the availability of material, a headstone can be erected within 4/12 weeks.

### **What are the colours?**

Headstones are available in a wide range of colours and designs in polished granite – colours are Premium Black, Light Grey, Mid Grey, Paradiso, Bahama Blue, Blue Pearl, Indian Aurora.

We supply traditional Irish Limestone stones and products. Bespoke (made to order) stones have become very popular in recent times, we would be happy to facilitate this option.

See our portfolio for samples.

### **Can I choose font styles?**

Yes. You can choose from a range of font styles to personalise your headstone. You can also choose the colour for the lettering – Black, White, Gold, Silver.

### **Can I add a photo, symbol or crest to the headstone?**

Yes. A copy of a photograph is required. This will be used to prepare a ceramic photograph which can be mounted on to your headstone. It is also possible to get an etching on a new headstone of the deceased or a design.

### **What can be done on the inside of the grave?**

If the grave is not in a lawn cemetery, you can:

- Place surround/kerbs around the grave
- You can place chippings on the grave
- You can place a maintenance free synthetic grass on the grave

We can supply all of the above.

### **Who will maintain the grave?**

After sales services would include renovations/cleaning to existing graves, such as – cleaning headstones and surrounds, adding new inscriptions, repainting existing lettering, changing chippings on graves. Grave accessories are also available e.g. Bronze & Silver Lanterns, Statues, Vases, Hearts, Plaques, etc.



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