



Policy Name  <b>BEREAVEMENT PERIOD OF RESIDENT'S ROOM</b>	Policy Number: <b>0119</b>
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## **POLICY**

For the benefit of the resident's family and the Agapé staff and volunteers who were involved in the resident's care, the residents' room will remain vacated for approximately 24 hours when possible.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. A rainbow is placed on the door at time of death.
2. The family can remain with the body for as long as they desire.
3. The family can come after the body has been removed to grieve and collect the resident's personal belongings during this 24-hour period.
4. The staff and volunteers can pause for as long as they desire in the room to remember and grieve the loss.
5. Only after this has been done will housekeeping be notified for cleaning of the room.
6. An Observance of Endings and Beginnings will be performed, when possible, prior to the next admission in that room by the Chaplain or designate.
7. Exceptions to this policy (i.e.: need for an emergency admission) will be decided by the Director of Resident Care or their designate if needed.