



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION, SAFETY AND SECURITY

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REGULATION RELATING TO PUBLIC GATHERINGS (WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS)

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security would like to remind the public that Namibia is still under a State of Emergency and that Regulations were issued in an effort to combat, prevent and suppress the further spread of the Corona Virus (Covid-19). The Regulations prohibit public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons; this prohibition is applicable to funerals and weddings, among other public gatherings.

With that in mind, the public is advised as follows:

- a) Informants of deaths, alternatively persons to whom death certificates and burial orders are issued, must ensure that the Regulations and social distancing are adhered to. It is also their responsibility to inform the nearest Police Station of any change of intended date or place of burial.
- b) Persons officiating at memorial services and funerals must ensure that the Regulations are adhered to and social distancing is maintained.
- c) Designated Marriage Officers (i.e. Ministers of Religion and Magistrates) who solemnize marriages must ensure that the Regulations are adhered to. Social distancing must also be observed.

It is for the collective good of our country for the Regulations to be complied with. Citizens and residents of Namibia are therefore urged to voluntarily adhere to the Regulations and the directives being issued in order to prevent the further spread of Covid-19. Non-adherence to the Regulations is a punishable offence. Law enforcement officers may be deployed to places of marriage solemnization and places of burial to enforce the Regulations.

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