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# Memorial health and safety work

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In order to have a memorial erected on a grave a permit must be completed with your monumental mason and sent to the cemeteries office at Carleton Cemetery for approval.

No work can be carried out until the permit is granted. The permit must be carried whist in the cemetery at all times.

The work in the cemetery must be carried out by a qualified monumental mason who is [BRAMM](#) or [NAMM](#) registered.

Any memorial erected on a grave is the responsibility of the grave owner. In their absence the responsibility will pass onto the next of kin of the grave owner.

Headstones are checked for stability each time a grave is re-opened.

When the applicants will be advised via their funeral director to remove any unsafe headstone whist the grave is being opened.

Other headstones will be tested in the surrounding area and made safe for the duration the grave is open. This could result in the headstone being laid down on the ground.

Other periodic checks are made on headstones to ensure they are safe. This is in accordance with our rules and regulations.

We will also carry out memorial safety checks to ensure all memorials within the cemetery are safe.

Any memorials found to be unsafe will be marked as "dangerous". We will contact the grave owner who will then be responsible for making the memorial permanently safe.

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