

ORGAN DONATION

Organ and tissue donation is governed under the *Human Tissue and Transplant Act 1982*.

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The *Human Tissue and Transplant Act 1982* makes provision for and in relation to the removal of human tissues for transplantation, other therapeutic purposes, or medical or scientific purposes, for post-mortem examinations.

To view the *Human Tissue and Transplant Act 1982* go to:

https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_436_homepage.html

When is Organ Donation Authorised?

Under Section 22 of the *Human Tissue and Transplant Act 1982* a designated officer for a hospital may authorise the removal of tissue from your body when you die, when:

- The designated officer is satisfied that during your lifetime you expressed the wish for or consented to the removal of tissue
- The designated officer has no reason to believe that you had expressed an objection to the removal of tissue
- The designated officer is satisfied that your next of kin consents to the removal of tissue from your body

The authority of a designated officer to authorise the removal of tissue from your body after death is restricted by your wishes or consent and by the consent of your next of kin.

The priority order for your next of kin when seeking consent to Organ Donation

- Spouse or de facto, domestic or same sex partner
- Adult son or daughter
- Parent
- Brother or sister

How do you consent to Organ Donation?

You can consent to organ donation by registering your decision to become an organ and tissue donor after death with the 'Australian Organ Donor Register'.

However, regardless of you registering your decision, consent from your next of kin must still be obtained at your time of death. This is why it is vital to express your wishes to your family, so they are able to follow such wishes upon your death.

It is important to express these wishes in your Enduring Power of Guardianship (if you have appointed one) and your Advance Health Directive.

The contact details for how to consent to Organ Donation

Australian Organ Donor Register

Register your decision to be an organ or tissue donor after you die to save the lives of other people. Call the register from Monday to Friday between 8.30am to 5:00pm.

T: 1800 777 203

W: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/australian-organ-donor-register>

Donate Life WA

Registering to be an organ and tissue donor is easy and you can submit a new registration and check if you are already registered.

T: 1800 950 155

Address: Hawthorn House, 100 Flinders Street, Mt Hawthorn WA 6016

Post: PO Box 332, Northbridge WA 6865

E: donatelife@health.wa.gov.au

W: <http://www.donatelife.gov.au/register-donor-today>

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital WA On-call Donor Coordinator

The Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital has a 24 hour on-call Donor Coordinator. Ask to speak with the On-Call Organ and Tissue Donor Coordinator.

T: 08 6457 3333

W: <https://www.scgh.health.wa.gov.au/About-Us/Contact-Us>