

IC 35-45-11

Chapter 11. Abuse of a Corpse

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Applicability of chapter

Sec. 1. (a) This chapter does not apply to the use of a corpse for:

- (1) scientific;
- (2) medical;
- (3) organ transplantation;
- (4) historical;
- (5) forensic; or
- (6) investigative;

purposes.

(b) This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) a funeral director;
- (2) an embalmer; or
- (3) an employee of an individual described in subdivision (1) or (2);

engaged in the individual's normal scope of practice and employment.

As added by P.L.249-1993, SEC.1.

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Abuse of corpse

Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) mutilates a corpse;
- (2) has sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with the corpse; or
- (3) opens a casket with the intent to commit an act described in subdivision (1) or (2);

commits abuse of a corpse, a Level 6 felony.

As added by P.L.249-1993, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.52-1997, SEC.56; P.L.158-2013, SEC.542.