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Help restore vision through your work

Ideal eye recovery should take place within 12 hours from death

FACT: Although most tissue recovery takes place in under 24 hours, the probability of placing corneal tissue after **12 hours** decreases significantly and the tissue becomes non-viable at **18 hours**.

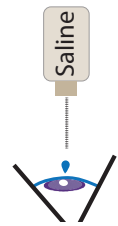
Why Eye Care?

Post-mortem eye care is critical to providing viable ocular tissue for transplant. The interior layer of the cornea (endothelium), is a single layer, and is NOT regenerative. Without eye care, this layer can become damaged due to swelling, which may negatively affect the corneal tissue to be transplanted.

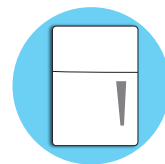
Over 40,000 corneas are recovered each year and used to treat diseases such as macular degeneration and glaucoma. By following the guidelines to the right, our eye donor's wishes are more likely to be fulfilled, and sight restored.

Caring post-mortem? Recovering viable tissue comes down to the

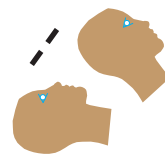
W.I.R.E



Wet the eyes



Ice eyes /refrigerate donor



Raise the head



Eyes closed

We make it easy

At the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, we make it easy to save sight. We provide:

- 24 hour recovery access
- Saline for post-mortem eye care (Need more? Give us a call!)

