



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS
S.C. Code Ann. §§ 32-7-10 et seq.
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Financial Responsibility

A preneed funeral contract provider must have the proper financial responsibility. § 32-7-50 (B)

Having Financial Responsibility makes funeral homes financially responsible for misappropriated funds or contract breaches. This encourages consumers to do business with funeral homes.

The two acceptable forms of Financial Responsibility are the following:

<i>Preneed Performance/Surety Bond</i>	<i>Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit</i>
◆ <i>Issued by a bonding or insurance company</i>	◆ <i>Issued by a Bank or Credit Union</i>

The amount of Financial Responsibility (Bond or Letter of Credit) required will increase as your total dollar amount of outstanding preneed funeral contracts increases. It is the responsibility of each funeral home to maintain the appropriate bond or letter of credit amount.

Below are the required amounts of Financial Responsibility:

Total Insurance & Trust Balance	Amount of Financial Responsibility
<i>\$0-100,000</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>\$100,001-250,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>\$250,001-500,000</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
<i>500,001 and over</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>