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The Donor:

The most important action you can take to ensure you will be a donor is to tell your family and legal representative. It is helpful if they know how you feel in advance. Keep a donor card with you at all times so it will serve as an indication to your family, your legal representative and hospitals of your intention to be an eye donor.



The Donor's Relatives:

The Donors relatives have the authority and moral responsibility to donate the eyes of the deceased, especially if the donor expressed his desire during his/her lifetime, Get the family to consent for eye donation.



IMPORTANT STEPS BEFORE EYE DONATION:

- Get the valid death certificate quickly.
- Contact the eye bank as soon as possible.
- Close the eyelids and cover it with moist cotton and keep it moist till the eye bank team arrives
- Switch off the fan (Switch on the air conditioner if possible).
- Raise the donor's head by 6 inches by placing two pillows under it.
- Keep the consent of the family members of the deceased donor ready, as it is mandatory



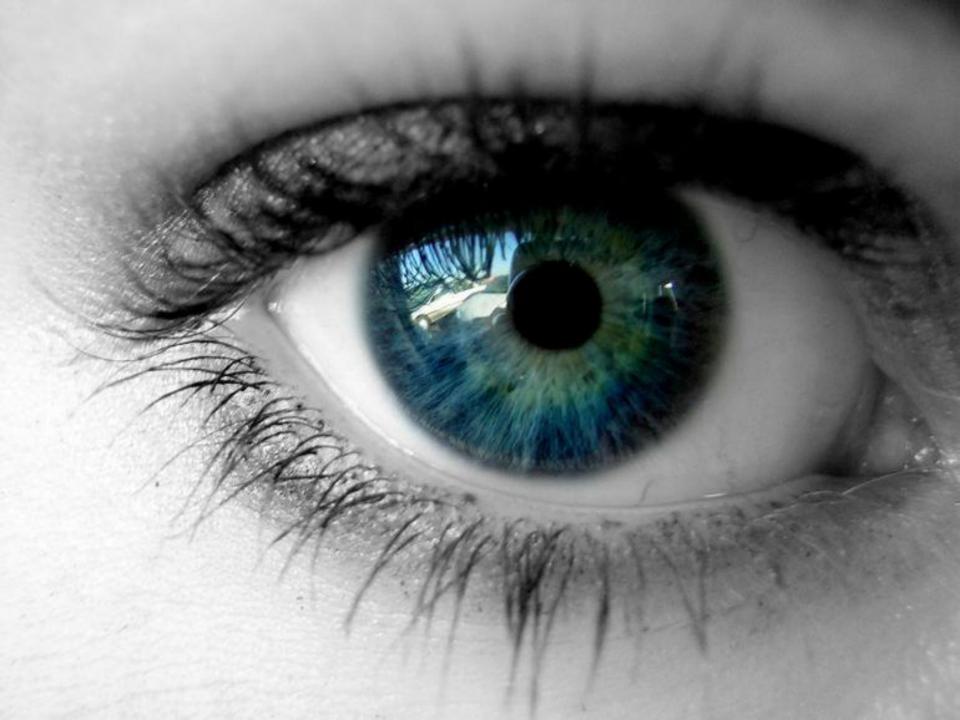
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Donate your Eyes after death

