



## The importance of respecting cultural values goes beyond language barriers and diet

The potential for cultural conflict goes beyond just language barriers and diet. Certain cultures have very strong family ties and are reluctant to separate extended family groups. We saw this in Hurricane Katrina when many families did not evacuate because a family member could not be moved. Many cultures have strong religious beliefs about the disposal of remains. Jewish burial customs require that the deceased be buried as soon as possible; Indian customs require cremation.

### Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Customs/traditions/rituals](#), [Norms/values](#)

Disaster Phases: [Response](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [National civil protection body](#), [Non-active citizens](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#)

### Recommendations:

- [Employ an overarching rights-based approach in disaster policies and operations](#)

### Source

[Deliverable D6.1 "Report on European fundamental rights in disaster situations" \(no reference to a specific page\)](#)

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