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## HOW TO CLAIM WHEN A SPOUSE PASSES AWAY

- At the most basic of claims, is the Unemployment Fund or UIF. The husband or wife of a deceased worker and any minor children of the worker can claim death benefits from the UIF.
- You must apply for these benefits within six months of the death of the worker. To do that, you need to go to the Labour Centre and fill in Form UF126. This office will also be able to give you a list of documentation you will need to prove your claim.
- It is a lot of paperwork but if you persevere, you will get the same pay out that your spouse would have gotten if he or she were alive and claimed UIF.
- Your deceased spouse may also have a provident or pension fund.
- If their employer won't co-operate, you can take the matter to the CCMA or your labour office to ask for their assistance.
- It is never pleasant to deal with practicalities while you are grieving but persevere. Your efforts may just bring you very welcome relief, as every cent counts if you are in need.

