

TV Body Count Study

This form can be used to record the number of dead bodies appearing in one episode of a TV series. Print out blank forms and use them to hand-write the information while you are viewing. Enter the final tally to the PDF form and click SUBMIT to send it to us. Be sure to save a copy on your computer for back-up purposes.

Series Name		Season #	
Network		Episode #	
Episode Name/Title			
Number of Dead Bodies in this Episode (Use 1 form per episode):			
Type	#	Notes/ Description	
Humans:			
Vampires:			
Zombies:			
Other Undead:		Description:	
# of Funerals:			

What do we count?

1. We count the number of dead bodies appearing in the episode. A body is counted only once even if it appears in more than one scene.
2. We separately count the number of “undead” creatures such as vampires, zombies, werewolves, shape-shifters and any formerly living or human-like creatures. If you are not sure, count it and describe what it is.
3. We do not count dead animals.
4. We do not care how the character died and we do not need to see the character die on screen. We are simply counting dead bodies that appear in the episode.
5. We do not need confirmation that a character is dead. If characters appear to be dead and we do not subsequently learn in the episode that they survived, we'll assume they are dead.
6. If a funeral is held for a dead character, we count it.