

# Shape Change

Shape change comes in a variety of forms, including [druid](#) shape change, lycanthrope shape change, and the *shape change* spell. They vary in nature, and are not the same as polymorph (e.g. *polymorph*, *polymorph self*, monster polymorph).

## Dying when shape changed

Unless the ability explicitly states so, the creature does not change form upon death.<sup>1)</sup>

Whether a shape-changed creature can be raised from the dead by *raise dead* or *resurrection* depends on its original form. For example, a human druid who died in giant bat form could be raised, but an elven or half-orc who died in human form could not.<sup>2)</sup> When the creature is raised, it will remain in the form it died in (including wounds and poison, as normal, unless the means used to raise state otherwise).

<sup>1)</sup>

This is the same ruling we have for polymorph.

<sup>2)</sup>

Remember that elves and half-orcs can not be brought back by *raise dead* or *resurrection*, only a *rod of resurrection*, *wish*, or similar. See [Death](#) for more info.

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