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The Human Skeleton

The three main functions of the skeleton are to; (1) give structure and shape, (2) produce red blood cells and, (3) store minerals. The four types of bones include, long, short, flat, & irregular. The femur is the longest and strongest bone in the body. Some of the other long bones in the body include the tibia, fibula, humerus, ulna & radius; which are located in the arms and the legs. The cranium protects the brain, while the ribs & sternum protect the heart and lungs. The bones in the hand are called the carpals, metacarpals and phalanges, while the bones in the feet are called the tarsals, metatarsals and phalanges. The pelvis is the name for the group of bones in the area of the body commonly known as the hips.