

# Rectangular bead with incised spiral decoration

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: **62.558.1** 

Type: **jade; stone carving**

Date of production: 3rd–1st centuries BC  
Han dynasty

Place of production: **China**

Materials: **jade**

Techniques: **engraved**

Dimensions: width: 1.4 cm  
length: 3 cm

Belief in afterlife already existed in the ancestor worship of the Shang period. Jades promising eternal life were placed on the deceased because of the belief in the perennial nature of the stone.

