

What do you need death certificates for?

The original death certificate is filed with the County Health Department or the State Health Department. If you do not order enough certificates with the original filing, additional copies can be obtained later for an additional state fee. We recommend ordering at least 2-3 more copies than you anticipate needing.

Certified copies of death certificates are needed for the following cases.

- _____ Transfer of real property, houses, and lots
- _____ Settling of insurance claims, 1 for each company
- _____ Obtaining union benefits, usually 2 or 3 required
- _____ Transfer of automobile, boat, trailer or camper title
- _____ Transfer of stocks or bonds, 1 for each corporation
- _____ Transfer of bank savings or trust accounts
- _____ Transfer of checking accounts
- _____ Phone and utility companies
- _____ Entry into a bank safety deposit vault
- _____ Filing Federal income tax returns
- _____ Social Security benefits
- _____ Embassy requirements
- _____ Veteran's Administration benefits
- _____ For insured loans, insured credit cards and department store cards
- _____ For credit union accounts
- _____ To qualify for bereavement time compensation from some employers
- _____ Personal requests from children, family members
- _____ Estimated Total Number

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