



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**