



How to Order Death Certificates

Death certificates are issued by the county where the death occurred. The process of obtaining required signatures and information for the death certificate takes an average of 3 to 5 business days. Many companies will require a legal copy of the death certificate to transfer property, valuables, or assets into a new person's name. They will usually keep this copy for their records.

Price: \$20.00 per certificate

There are three ways to order death certificates:

- **Order by Phone** (Credit card only)

Call the phone number for your counties Public Health/Vital Statistics Office and listen to the prompts to order by phone. (Shipping & handling may apply).

*Snohomish County does not allow orders by phone

- **Order Online** (Credit card only)

Visit VitalChek.com. Select "Death Certificate" on the left side of the page; follow the instructions. (Shipping & handling may apply).

- **Order in Person** (Cash, check, or money order only)

Call the Vital Statistics Office to verify the availability of death certificates prior to your visit. After filling out the order form the average wait is 15 –30 minutes.

You may visit any Washington vital records office in person to place an order, it does not have to be the specific county in which passing occurred.

King County Vital Statistics

908 Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: 206-897-4551

Pierce County Health District

3629 South D. Street
Tacoma, WA 98418
Phone: 253-798-6418

Snohomish Health District

3020 Rucker Ave., Room 102
Everett, WA 98201
Phone: 425-339-5290

Clark County Center for Community Health

1601 E 4th Plain Blvd, Bldg 17, 4th Floor
Vancouver, WA 98661
Phone: 360-397-8092

Who Wants Certified Death Certificates?

Bank Accounts
DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles)
Insurance Companies
Pension

Investment Brokers
Home Title Company
Real Estate
Attorney