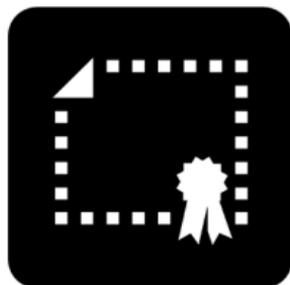


Vital Records



All 50 states register vital events that include births, deaths, fetal deaths, and marriages.

Birth certificates and death certificates are legal documents issued from the Office of Vital Records.

You need a birth certificate to add a newborn to your health insurance plan, enroll in school, and get a passport. Families need death certificates to settle the affairs of their loved ones and to obtain insurance, veteran's benefits, and retirement benefits.

Getting a birth or death certificate

- Complete an application.
- Have rights to get the certificate.
- Pay the fee required by law.
(VA Certificate fees may be waived)

What to know

Applications are available

- Online at <https://www.health.mn.gov/people/vitalrecords/about.html>
- At any county vital records office

Purchase certificates in person

- At any county vital records offices

Keep certificates in a safe place

- They are legal documents.
- They contain personally identifiable information.

For more information

- **Minnesota Department of Health:**
<https://www.health.mn.gov/people/vitalrecords/about.html>
- **Call:** 651-201-5970
- **Email:**
health.vitalrecords@state.mn.us



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