

## \* HOW TO ORDER DEATH CERTIFICATES \*

**King County Vital Statistics**

908 Jefferson St, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

- **PRICE: \$20.00 per certificate**

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. There are three ways to order death certificates:

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

Call the phone number for the appropriate county's 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](http://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.

\*May visit any vital records office in person to order, it does not have to be the specific county in which passing occurred.

### WHO WANTS CERTIFIED DEATH CERTIFICATES?

Bank Accounts

DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles)

Insurance Companies

Pension

Investment Brokers

Labor Unions

Home Title Company

Real Estate

Attorney

Fraternal Organizations

---

**\* Social Security Administration: **1-800-772-1213** \***

**The family must notify Social Security.**

Social Security is notified of the passing. However, your family or the person handling the business matters must contact Social Security to verify the information we provide and to cover any financial/business matters.