AFTER

INDIANA — STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

# Ordering a death certificate in Indiana

Indiana death certificates come from the local health department where the death happened or from the Indiana Department of Health. Here's how to order, with sections for Marion and Hamilton counties.



A guide from After

BEFORE YOU START

# What you'll need, and **what to know first**

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) takes orders online, by phone, and by mail, but has no walk-in service. For faster service, IDOH recommends ordering through the local health department in the county where the death occurred.

COST FROM THE STATE

$8 first copy, $4 each additional

WHO CAN ORDER

Family and others with a direct interest in the record

Have these ready before you begin — most of the process is just entering this.

- ✓ A government-issued ID — copy the front and back
- ✓ Proof of your relationship to your loved one
- ✓ Their legal name at the time of death
- ✓ The date of death
- ✓ The city and county where they died
- ✓ Their date of birth and parents' names, if you know them

**Good to know:** the state's $8 is a non-refundable search fee that includes one copy if the record is found. IDOH's pages give different processing times, from 60 days on its ordering page to 12 to 16 weeks on its VitalChek page, so consider the local health department if you need copies soon.

HOW TO ORDER

# Three ways **to apply**

## Option A — **Your local health department**

Contact the health department in the county where the death occurred. Each sets its own fees and hours.

**in.gov/health/lhd/local-health-department-map**

## Option B — **Online or by phone, through the state**

1. **Order through VitalChek**

   VitalChek is the only IDOH-approved vendor for online orders. Order online or call (866) 601-0891.

   **in.gov/health/vital-records/order-now**

2. **Pay by credit card**

   $8 for the first certificate and $4 for each additional, plus a $12.95 VitalChek fee. UPS Air is $21.

## Option C — **By mail, to the state**

1. **Complete State Form 49606 and copy your ID**

   Copy the front and back. Your mailing address must match your ID.

2. **Add your payment**

   Send a check or money order payable to the Indiana Department of Health.

3. **Mail it to the Division of Vital Records**

   MAIL TO

   Indiana Department of Health, Division of Vital Records B-4
   2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

COUNTY OFFICES

# Marion and **Hamilton counties**

## MARION COUNTY (INDIANAPOLIS)

- ✓ **Cost:** $20 per certified copy from the Marion County Public Health Department.
- ✓ **Walk-in:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. No request form is needed. Card payments add a $2 convenience fee on purchases up to $100.
- ✓ **By mail:** send the death certificate request, a copy of your ID, and a check or money order payable to Marion County Public Health Department to 3838 North Rural Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205-2930.
- ✓ **Records held:** deaths that occurred in Marion County.

## HAMILTON COUNTY

- ✓ **Cost:** $17.50 per certificate, which is $15 plus a $2.50 coroner fee.
- ✓ **Online:** the county's own ordering site at hamiltoninvitals.permitium.com. Orders are processed within two business days.
- ✓ **In person or by mail:** 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A, Noblesville, IN 46060. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mail orders take cash or money order only.
- ✓ **Records held:** Hamilton County deaths only. For deaths in the City of Fishers after April 24, 2020, contact the Fishers Health Department.

ELIGIBILITY

# Who can request **a certified copy**

Indiana releases records to people with a direct interest. The state's list includes:

- ✓ A current spouse, with proof of marriage
- ✓ A parent or grandparent
- ✓ A child, grandchild, or sibling who is 18 or older
- ✓ An aunt or uncle, or an attorney with documents showing a direct interest

IDENTIFICATION

# What counts **as ID**

- ✓ One primary ID: a driver's license or state ID, a passport, or a U.S. military or veterans ID
- ✓ Without one, two secondary documents, such as a signed Social Security card, a work ID with a pay stub, a voter registration card, or a current vehicle registration
- ✓ By mail, the state rejects applications that arrive without a copy of the front and back of your ID

COMMON QUESTIONS

# Any questions? **We've got answers**

**I don't know the exact date or details of the death.**

Reach out to your Care Specialist at After — we can look that up and provide it for you.

**What if there's an error on the certificate itself?**

The state handles corrections and amendments. Reach out to your Care Specialist — we can help you get started.

**Should I order from the state or the county?**

IDOH itself points families to the local health department for faster service. The state is the route when you can't reach the county office.

**What if the death didn't happen in Indiana?**

Order from the vital records office in the state where the death took place.

## We're here if **you need us**

Ordering paperwork while you're grieving is hard. You don't have to figure it out alone — call any time, day or night.

**844-905-2639** care@after.com after.com

Fees and timing checked November 10, 2026 against in.gov/health, marionhealth.org and hamiltoncounty.in.gov. Agencies change them, so confirm before you order. We provide cremation services only where we hold the required state licenses.