



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

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Persons seeking information from a death certificate or copies of death certificates in San Luis Obispo County

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 103526, the following individuals are entitled to an AUTHORIZED Certified Copy of a death record.

- The registrant or a parent or legal guardian of the registrant
- A party entitled to receive the record as a result of a court order, or an attorney or a licensed adoption agency
- seeking the birth record in order to comply with the requirements of Section 3140 or 7603 of the Family Code
- A member of a law enforcement agency or a representative of another governmental agency, as provided by law, who is conducting official business.
- A child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse or domestic partner of the registrant
- An attorney representing the registrant or the registrant's estate, or any person or agency empowered by statute or appointed by a court to act on behalf of the registrant or the registrant's estate.
- Any funeral director who orders certified copies of a death certificate on behalf of any individual specified in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive of subdivision (a) of Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code.

Those who are not authorized may receive an INFORMATIONAL Certified Copy with the words "INFORMATIONAL, NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY" imprinted across the face of the copy.

In either case, an application for a copy of the death certificate (certified or informational) must be completed and submitted at the Public Health Department (or, if the deceased passed away more than 2 years ago, at the County Clerk Recorder's Office) accompanied by a fee of \$21.00.

Information from the death certificate, including the cause of death, will not be given out without an application and fee.