



What Will I Need Death Certificates For?

The legal process after a loved one's passing can be daunting and confusing. To help guide you, we've compiled the list below as a sample list of the places/organizations who may need a certified death certificate.

ESTATE

- ✓ Military Benefits
- ✓ Transfer of human remains (or scattering of ashes in some states)
- ✓ Title transfer of ownership of real estate and motor vehicles
- ✓ Life Insurance

FINANCIAL

- ✓ 401Ks, Retirement Plans, IRAs, and Pensions
- ✓ Bank Accounts solely in deceased's name, or to remove name from a joint account
- ✓ Credit Cards and cell phone companies
- ✓ Federal and State Tax Returns
- ✓ Notification of the three Credit Rating Bureaus (*Equifax, TransUnion, Experian*)
- ✓ Stock certificates, bonds, treasury bills, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts

LEGAL

- ✓ Attorney
- ✓ Burial and Funeral Insurance

It is wise to keep 1 or 2 extra certified copies of the death certificate for additional or unexpected needs that may arise. There is no "one size fits all" answer to this question.

The staff at **Cremation Services of Pennsylvania** will help answer questions you may have during this process.