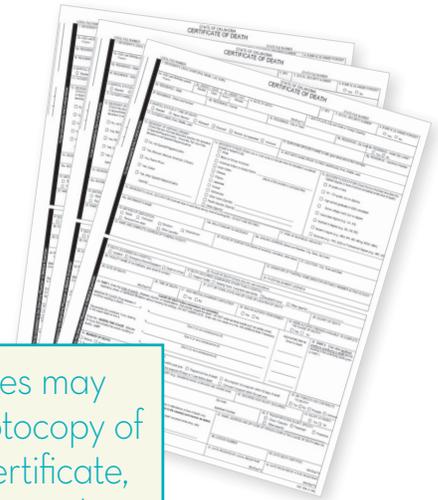


## Death Certificates

Legal Certified Death Certificate copies may be needed for the following to conclude the financial affairs of the deceased.

- Life insurance policies
- Bank/Credit Union accounts
- Property held by the deceased (homes/autos)
- Stocks, bonds or other securities
- Loan companies
- Social Security or other benefit programs
- Lawyer and probate



Many places may accept a photocopy of the death certificate, so be sure to ask.

Each *Certified Death Certificate* copy is \$16.50. We will ask you how many certified copies to order initially. Additional copies may be obtained from the Oklahoma State Health Department. Order forms for additional copies may be downloaded from our website.

### Process & Timeline

1. For all deaths occurring in Oklahoma, our firm will contact and secure the originally signed death certificate from the attending physician via Medical Examiner's office.
2. We hand-carry the Certificate to the State Health Department for recording. The Certified Copies are created by the State Dept. of Health and returned to the Society office.
3. You will be notified as soon as they are available for pick up at the Society office. The Certified Copies may be mailed to your home - postage and handling fees apply.
4. Please allow 10 to 14 working days before the State Health Department releases them.

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