



Death Certificate Usage Template

In order to better assist our families, we have designed this easy to use template to help you estimate how many Certified Copies of the Death Certificate may be needed. Please be advised that we file the original copies through the County. Death Certificates have many legal uses, remember, you cannot use a photo copy for legal requirements. Florida also has two formats for this type of document. One format has the cause of death (long form), on the other format, the cause of death is omitted (short form).

With Cause of Death will be needed for:

1. Life Insurance Policies, each individual company will require one for the claim process.
2. Pensions other than Social Security (we notify Social Security for you).
3. Annuities.
4. Family records (you may wish to keep one for your retention).

Without Cause of Death will be needed for:

1. Filing Probate.
2. Transfer of a title on an Automobile or other Items.
3. Financial needs, including checking, savings, mutual accounts, funds, stocks and bonds.
4. Transfer of title on property, home and mortgages.

*Keep in mind that if you are working with an attorney, they will advise you of how many of each copy that they suggest for your specific case, or need. If more death certificates are requested after the initial filing, you will be required to pay the county charge for each copy, a courier fee (per our pricelist) and our mailing shipping and handling fee.