



Consumer Alert

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The Missouri **Bureau of Vital Records** (BVR) processes applications for vital records (birth certificates, death certificates, etc.) by **mail** and **in-person**. To also be able to process applications **online** and **over the phone**, the Bureau of Vital Records has contracted with **VitalChek** (vitalchek.com)

VitalChek is the **ONLY** recognized and endorsed method to obtain Missouri vital records online or over the phone.

The Missouri Bureau of Vital Records is not affiliated with any other phone/online service and is not responsible for any commitment, guarantees, loss of fees, or use of personal information by these unauthorized entities.

Other websites or online services do not utilize the proper methods to verify identity and retrieve customer information; and therefore, do not pass the necessary applicant identity authentication process. Moreover, other services may misrepresent the pricing/cost of copies of vital records, resulting in the customer overpaying for a copy of a vital record.

Missouri fees for birth certificates are \$15.00 for a certified copy and death certificates are \$13.00 for a certified copy. There is no extra administrative fee for the Bureau of Vital Records. However, customers that use the official VitalChek service are charged an additional approved fee for processing. Delivery is arranged by VitalChek and the service does offer expedited service and mail processing times.

If you have any questions regarding how to request a record, please call the Bureau of Vital Records directly at 573-751-6387.