Obtaining Birth and Death Records

You need to show identification when requesting copies of birth and death certificates at your local* or state health department.

YOU WILL NEED:

* One primary identification document with your name and photo such as a driver's license, U.S. military ID card, U.S. passport, work or school ID, etc.

OR

* At least two alternate identification documents. Documents must contain your name and the name of the company or organization issuing the document.

* If applicable, tangible interest documents, documentation demonstrating link to record, or signed notarized statement authorizing release may be required.

ID requirements also apply to marriage and divorce statements obtained from the state health department.

* In St. Louis City, birth and death records are available at the Recorder of Deeds Office at the St. Louis City Hall.

For more info, visit: www.health.mo.gov/vitalrecords

3 WAYS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFIED COPY OF A BIRTH OR DEATH RECORD

- In person at your local* or state health department
- Online at: health.mo.gov/vitalrecords (Payment with credit card required. This service is offered by a third-party provider. Additional fees apply.)
- Mail your request (Application form must be notarized by an acceptable notary public. Payment with check or money order required.)