

DEATH CERTIFICATES

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Death certificates are on file in the Town Clerk's office for individuals who died in the town of Hamden or resided in the Town of Hamden at the time of death. The State Department of Public Health in Hartford also has a recorded copy of such death.

Our death index dates back to 1786 when Hamden became incorporated from New Haven. These deaths are recorded in handwritten indexes until 1906, when actual certificates were issued.

Requests must be in writing, via mail, or in person during regular business hours. Personal checks and money orders are accepted by mail, and cash or checks in person. A copy of photo I.D. must accompany the request.

Email requests cannot be honored.
No out-of-state checks will be accepted.

In accordance with PA97-7, social security numbers must be recorded on death certificates. Registrars of Vital Statistics are required to maintain the confidentiality of these numbers.

Per CGS 7-51a, for any death occurring after 7/1/97, only the parties specified on the death certificate, such as informant, licensed funeral director, licensed embalmer, conservator, surviving spouse, physician and Town Clerk, or other persons as authorized by the Department of Public Health shall be issued a certified copy of a death certificate containing the social security number of the decedent and/or an 'Administrative Use Only' section of the certificate for deaths occurring after 12/31/01. All other requestors will receive a certificate without the social security number.

The Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics may issue only certified copies of death certificates.

As of 10/1/09, a certified sealed copy of a death certificate is \$20.00.

To request a certified copy by mail, [click here for a "Death Certificate Request Form."](#)

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