

Where To Get Help

During this difficult time in dealing with the death of a loved one, you may need to look for outside help in handling the affairs of the deceased. Summarized below are a number of sources that may help you.

For assistance in locating an attorney or Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), the respective professional associations have referral services:

Washington State Bar Association 500 Westin Building 2001 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98121-2599 General office (206) 448-0441 Lawyer referral (800) 558-0787	Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants 902-140 th Avenue N.E. Bellevue, WA 98005-3480 General office (206) 644-4800 CPA referral (206) 644-4800
---	---

For persons not able to afford a private attorney, you can contact:

Evergreen Legal Services
401 2nd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 464-5911

To locate a Certified Life Underwriter (CLU) concerning life insurance matters, contact:

Washington State Association of Life Underwriters
603 Stewart
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 623-9265

For assistance in locating a funeral director check your local yellow pages or contact:

Washington State Funeral Directors Association
2950 Northrup Way, Suite 105
Bellevue, WA 98004
(206) 822-5507

To locate a life insurance company for a life insurance policy that you feel exists, contact:

The Washington State Insurance Commissioner's Office
P.O. Box 40256
Olympia, WA 98504-0256
(800) 562-6900

or send a self-addressed envelope along with your written request to:

Missing Policy Service
American Council of Life Insurance
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2499

The Medical Information Bureau can help you locate any life insurance companies to which the deceased applied for a policy:

Information Office
Medical Information Bureau
P.O. Box 105, Essex Station
Boston, WA 02112

Other groups or organizations that can provide assistance include:

American Association of
Retired Persons (AARP)
601 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20049
(800) 424-3410

Local office:
9750 3rd Ave, NE, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 526-7918

The City of Seattle and other cities and counties offer a broad range of services through their Departments of Human Services (in their Aging Division or Family Services Division) including counseling services and other information services.

To obtain copies of Death Certificates, contact:

King County Health Department
Vital Statistics/ Birth/ Death Records
(206) 296-4796 (Seattle number)

Snohomish County Health Department
Vital Statistics/ Birth/ Death Records
(206) 339-5280 (Everett number)

In Benton, Clark, Franklin, Grays Harbor, Pierce, Spokane, Thurston or Whatcom counties contact the county health department. In other areas contact the Vital Records Unit of the State Department of Health at (800) 331-0680.

To contact the Social Security Administration, you can go to the local office (see your White Pages Telephone Directory, under U.S. Government) or call (800) 772-1213.

To contact the veteran's Administration, you can go to the local office (see your White Pages Telephone Directory, under U.S. Government) or in Seattle call (206) 624-7200 for the regional office.

To make organ or body donations, you can obtain information from the following sources:

Northwest Organ Procurement Agency
600 Broadway, Suite 260
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 292-2795

Northwest Kidney Center
Seattle, WA
(206) 292-2771

Lions Eye Bank
Seattle, WA
(206) 548-4171

National Organ Donation Association
(800) 422-3310

National Anatomical Service
(718) 948-2401, or (314) 726-9079

For entire body donations, only medical schools can accept them. For information, contact The Department of Biological Structure at the University of Washington School of Medicine at (206) 543-1860 in Seattle, WA.

To change the title of any vehicles owned by the deceased, contact your local Department of Licensing agency or:

Department of Licensing
Highways-Licenses Building
Mail Stop PB-01
Olympia, WA 98504-8001

If death occurred on the job, contact the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries:

Washington State Department of Labor & Industries
300 W. Harrison, Room 201
Seattle, WA 98109
(206) 281-5400

The Washington State Attorney General's Office may provide assistance with some of the many questions surrounding your dealings with the deceased's estate. The Seattle office covers the area north of Federal Way to the Canadian border:

Washington State Attorney General's Office
2000 Bank of California Center
900 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98164
(206) 464-6684
State-wide (800) 551-4636

The Better Business Bureau may also offer you assistance in locating a funeral home, life insurance matters, and other matters that relate to the deceased's estate. The Better Business Bureau can be located in your local telephone directories.

The Consumer Line Tape (Telephone) Library is an excellent resource on many different areas and can be contacted by calling (206) 464-6811 in Seattle or (800) 551-4636 statewide.

For assistance in placing the deceased's pet in a new home, contact:

PAWS Animal Shelter
15305 44th Way
Lynnwood, WA
(206) 787-2500

Humane Society, SPCA
13212 S.E. Eastgate Way
Bellevue, WA
(206) 641-0080

or if a purebred dog:
Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue
(206) 654-1117