

Legislation created the Ohio Next of Kin (N.O.K) database, initiated by Ohioans who wanted to ensure Next of Kin can be notified as soon as possible if an emergency or any critical event occurs.

N.O.K. Program Initiators

Connie Reynolds

After Connie and Jeffrey Reynolds experienced the tragic loss of their teenage son, Ryan, they worked to understand why they weren't notified of his fatal automobile accident until after he had been life flighted to a hospital. This delay robbed the Reynolds of precious time with their son, as well as the ability to make critical medical care decisions. Connie wanted to make sure no parent experienced this. After hearing their story, the Ohio General Assembly passed the next of kin law in 2000, establishing a process for next of kin information to be readily available to law enforcement. Now family members across Ohio will be contacted in emergency situations and have the Reynolds' efforts to thank for ensuring the circumstances of their tragedy will never be repeated.



Linda Wuestenberg



"My son, Steven Burge, was involved in a car accident in 2007. First responders **searched eight hours** before they found me. My son died from his injuries.

A large group of us worked with our legislators and the BMV to create the Ohio Next of Kin database. The effort invested to make this valuable tool available to all Ohio citizens has been a deeply personal and emotionally draining journey. I do it in loving memory of my son to honor his exuberant love of life. I'm proud to be your Mom, Stevie B."

Carmela A. Wiant

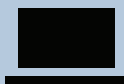
"My son, David Money, was on his way home from work when involved in an auto accident. The only source of contact information was his work badge. **Three hours later, I was told by the hospital chaplain David was dead.** I was devastated.



There is never an easy way to notify someone of a loved one's death from an accident. Please list your emergency contacts on your driver license, so police can expeditiously locate your family. David, I'm so proud you are my son."

HOW TO...

submit your Next of Kin information:



Online at

<http://bmv.ohio.gov>



In person at any local Deputy Registrar.



Mail completed form

(see reverse side) to:
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
VERIFICATION SERVICES
DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT
PO BOX 16520
COLUMBUS OH 43216-6520

Once your Next of Kin information is on file, you may change or remove it using any of the above methods.

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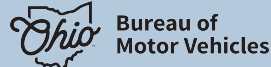
Emergency Contact Information

Through the Next of Kin Emergency Contact Information Program, Ohioans can identify the person they choose to be notified...

in the event they are involved in an accident or emergency leaving them unable to communicate with law enforcement or emergency medical responders.



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Next of Kin Program

N.O.K.

The Next of Kin (N.O.K.) program allows Ohioans with a driver license, temporary permit, or state ID the option of adding emergency contact information to their Ohio driver license/ID record. The program features are:

- It's free! There is no fee to add contact information to your driver license/permit/ID record.
- Contact information will be stored in a secure database which holds Ohio driver license/ID information, accessed only by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and law enforcement.
- For Ohioans age 18 and older, the contact person can be a relative, friend, or co-worker.
- Those under age 18 are required to have a parent or legal guardian as their primary contact.
- With your approval, contact person(s) can share your up-to-date medical information with medical professionals providing emergency medical treatment, if you are ever involved in an emergency or otherwise unable to communicate.
- For children under the age of 15, with an ID, parents are encouraged to sign up for the Next of Kin Registry. Two emergency contacts can be added into the Next of Kin Registry to be used by law enforcement in the event the child becomes lost or is reported missing. If the child is ever involved in an emergency situation or otherwise unable to communicate, law enforcement will use the Next of Kin information to notify these emergency contacts. For more information regarding child IDs, visit bmv.ohio.gov.

You can now list members of the military as emergency contacts, with their Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) addresses accepted.

Please select one of the following:

Add

Yes, I want to add Next of Kin/Emergency Contact information to my Ohio Driver License or Identification Card record.

Change

Please change the Next of Kin/Emergency Contact information on my Ohio Driver License or Identification Card record.

Remove

Please remove all the Next of Kin/Emergency Contact information on my Ohio Driver License or Identification Card record.

Your Information

Last Name/First Name/M.I.:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Your Ohio Driver License# or Identification Card#:

(Required Information) _____

Your Next of Kin Contact Information: At least one phone number, with area code, or address is required.

Contact #1

Last Name:

First Name:

M.I.

Relationship:

Telephone:

Cell:

Work:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Checking this box means that this person has accurate, detailed and up to date medical information about me **that may be shared with any medical professional providing emergency medical treatment to me.**

Your Next of Kin Contact Information: At least one phone number, with area code, or address is required.

Contact #2

Last Name:

First Name:

M.I.

Relationship:

Telephone:

Cell:

Work:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Checking this box means that this person has accurate, detailed and up to date medical information about me **that may be shared with any medical professional providing emergency medical treatment to me.**

I understand that by checking the box and providing contact information for person(s) with knowledge of my medical history, **I am authorizing law enforcement to release my contact person's information to first responders and medical professionals.**

X

OHIO DL/ID CARD HOLDER'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

DATE

NOTE: If this form is not complete, Next of Kin information will not be updated nor will this form be returned for correction. Please ensure the information is accurate and current. The BMV is not responsible for any errors in provided information or for failure to provide current information. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4501.81, the BMV will not be liable if contact cannot be made with a designated contact person in the event of an emergency. Any changes to this document will override any previous submissions to add or change the Next of Kin notifications information.