



County of Door Register of Deeds

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New Forms in Register of Deeds Office

The Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association is continually working to prevent identity theft. One of the most commonly used documents for fraud is a birth record. It is because of this, Wisconsin State Statutes 69.24(1) makes it illegal to photocopy a vital record (birth, marriage or death) and use it as legal proof of birth. The solution to not making an illegal copy of the record would be to view the certified record which has a raised seal, retrieve the necessary information presenting it for verification.

Door County Register of Deeds Office is distributing forms created by the State Vitals Office in an effort to combat identity theft and stop the widespread illegal photocopying of birth records for programs/agencies requiring proof of age. The forms allow after-school sporting programs and other agencies that require documentation of participants' ages to take only the required information from the birth certificate without making a copy of it or keeping the certified copy of the birth certificate.

Birth records have a multitude of uses, such as: for children starting school, for work permits and for driver's licenses. The records serve as proof of age to participate in various sports and activities. The records have become even more important as federal mandates make birth records the only acceptable proof for any federal program or document, such as passports and social security.

Vital records contain information useful to identity thieves and should be protected at all times. Register of Deeds Carey Petersilka advises people to keep their vital records in a secure place such as a safety deposit box or safe. They are also reminded to retrieve the certified copy of a vital record after it has been presented for programs or to agencies requiring proof of age.

The forms are also available on the Wisconsin Register of Deeds web-site at: www.wrdaonline.org

If you have any questions, please contact Carey Petersilka at 920-746-2271

**ANNOTATION OF BIRTH FACTS ABSTRACTED FROM
CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Name of School or District _____

It is illegal in the State of Wisconsin to photocopy a vital record and use it as legal proof of birth. The abstractor should verify the following features of the legal certified copy before accepting it as a legal copy of the birth certificate:

Check all three before accepting this document:

- Raised Seal of Registrar (not a notary seal on a photocopy)
- Signature of Official that Issued Certificate and Date of Issuance
- Watermark (chain link which can be seen when held up to the light, issue date 2000 and

after)

The following birth facts were abstracted from a certified copy of a birth certificate (with registrar's raised seal, signature, date of issuance, and watermark) which was presented /sent to me:

1. Child's Name (First Name)	(Full Middle Name)	(Last Name)	(Title, e.g., Jr.)
2. Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year)		3. Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
4. Name of Mother Listed (First Name)	(Middle Name)	(Last Name)	
5. Name of Father Listed (First Name)	(Middle Name)	(Last Name)	
6. Place of Birth Country <input type="checkbox"/> USA or Specify:	State	City, Village, Town	County
7. Certified Copy of Birth Certificate Issued by <input type="checkbox"/> State Registrar Office <input type="checkbox"/> Local Registrar Office: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Dept of State (FS 240 or DS 1350): <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Foreign Country):			8. Date of Issuance (Month, Day, Year)
9. Date Certified Copy of Birth Certificate Presented to Office (Month, Day, Year)	10 Certified Copy of Birth Certificate Presented/Sent by (Name of Parent or Other Person)		
<p>Certification Statement:</p> <p>I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I accurately abstracted the information listed on this form from a <u>certified copy</u> of the birth certificate presented as proof of identity for the above-listed child. I returned the certified copy of the birth certificate to the person who presented it/sent it.</p>			
Signature		Date Signed (Month, Day, Year)	
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