

Replacing Important Papers

Besides documentation and keeping all receipts, other documents are needed to prove what you say. This may seem frustrating and distrusting and yet it is a fact of life that we do have to have documentation to show evidence of our words. The following is a list of key papers you will need. Check them off as you find them.

- ✓ Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and all your dependents.
- ✓ Birth and death certificates.
- ✓ Most recent federal income tax return.
- ✓ Home mortgage/property deed.
- ✓ Bank account numbers.
- ✓ Driver's license.
- ✓ Titles of vehicles, particularly those damaged by the disaster.
- ✓ Military discharge papers.
- ✓ Credit cards and store charge cards.

Following this list is a directory for replacing important documents

Birth and Death Certificates:

To replace a birth or death certificate for U.S. citizens who were born or died in the United States, visit

Nebraska:

<http://vitalrec.com/ne.html> or call: 402.471.2871

Address:

301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 95065
Lincoln, NE 68509

Iowa:

<http://vitalrec.com/ia.html> or call: 515.281.4944

Address:

Lucas State Office Building, 1st Floor
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

Citizenship and Naturalization Papers:

For papers related to citizenship, immigration, permanent residency (green card), re-entry permit, employment authorization, etc. visit: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/forms-fee/forms/n-565.htm>. Complete form N-565.

Credit Cards:

American Express: 800.528.4800

Discover: 800.347.2683 (TDD/TTY-800.347.7449)

Master Card: 800.622.7747

Visa: 800.847.2911

Driver License or State ID Cards:

This quickest way to obtain a duplicate driver license is to apply in person at any state department or motor vehicles. You will need to complete an application for a license or identification card, which may be accessed at:

Nebraska: <http://www.dmv.state.ne.us/>

Iowa: <http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/default.htm>

Income Tax Return:

Call the nearest IRS office, or call 1.800.829.3676 and request form 4506.

Nebraska: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506.pdf

Iowa: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506.pdf

Insurance Policies:

Contact the agent or company providing coverage. You may be required to complete a form, pay a fee for duplicate copies, or both. The policy number will expedite this request.

Marriage Certificates and Divorce Records:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>

Military Discharge Papers:

Request Standard Form 180 (SF-180) from any Veterans Administration, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Red Cross, a veterans' association, or military recruiter. You may also download the form from:

<http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st-Louis/military-personnel-records/standard-form-180.html>

Fax the completed form to 314-9195 or mail it to:

National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132.5011

Mortgage Papers:

Contact your lending institution

Passports:

Complete form DS-64 (Statement Regarding Lost or Stolen Passport) from

http://travel.state.gov/passport/lost/us/us_848.html

Mail it to:

U.S. Department of State Passport Services
Consular Lost/Stolen Passport Section
1111 19th Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington DC 20036

Property Deeds:

Contact the Clerk of Court in the county where the property is located.

Savings Bonds/Notes:

<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/forms/sav1048.pdf>

and complete Form PDF 1048# (Claim for Lost, Stolen or Destroyed U.S. Savings Bonds) or call 304.480.7527.

To replace Series HH/H Bonds, mail the completed form to:

Bureau of the Public Debt
P.O. Box 7012
Parkersburg, WV 26106-2188

To replace Series EE/E Bonds, mail the completed form to:

Bureau of Public Debt
P.O. Box 7012
Parkersburg, WV 26106.7012

Social Security Card:

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp> to find your local Social Security Administration Office. Obtain Form SS-5 (Application for Social Security Card) from your local office or download it from <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html>. Follow the instructions to complete the form. For additional help, contact the Social Security Administration at 1.800.722.1213, or write:

Office of Public Inquiries

Social Security Administration
Windsor Park Building
6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235

Vehicle Titles:

Nebraska: <http://www.dmv.state.ne.us/dvr>

Iowa: <http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ovs/default.htm>

Wills:

Contact the attorney or persons that may have a copy of your will. If circumstances have changed, you may need to revise your will.