

***Certified copies of death certificates may be issued to:**

(proof of relationship is required: [e.g. marriage certificates, birth certificates, court orders])

- Parents
- Grandparents and Great Grandparents
- Stepparents
- Siblings
- Spouse
- Ex-Spouse with proof of direct and tangible interest
- Adult children, stepchildren or grandchildren of the deceased
- In-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins if it is needed to administer the deceased's estate or other direct and tangible interest
- Legal representatives of any of the above
- Legal representative of the deceased
- Decedent's physician
- Funeral Director
- Employer of decedent so benefits can be processed
- Insurance company processing decedent's claim or death benefits
- Probate researchers
- Genealogists representing immediate family members with appropriate credentials
- Creditors
- Others who may demonstrate a direct and tangible interest when information is needed for determination or protection of a personal or property right
- Informant listed on the requested death certificate

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, 1982, 25-2-118 and as defined by Colorado Board of Health Rules and Regulations, applicant must have a direct and tangible interest in the record requested. The penalties for obtaining a record under false pretenses include a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or both such fine and imprisonment (CRS 25-2-118)

Earliest Colorado Death Records on file in local offices:

County	Year	County	Year
Boulder	1880	Lake	1886
Clear Creek	1877	Mineral	1894
Dolores	1895	Montezuma	1892
Eagle	1894	Otero	1898
El Paso	1890	Ouray	1895
Grand	1895	Summit	1893
Gunnison	1894	Washington	1894
Hinsdale	1897	Weld	1877
Jefferson	1868		