

State of Ohio BMV Next of Kin Notification

On Sept. 8, 2009 Ohio became one of the first states to make a next of kin registration process available. Any holder of a valid:

- Ohio driver's license,
- Commercial driver's license,
- Temporary Permit or
- Identification Card

will now have the option of providing the name and information of a contact person they wish to be notified in the event the individual is incapacitated and unable to communicate.

House Bill 392 (Next of Kin Info) – This bill was created so law enforcement can use the information to notify family members in the event of a serious injury or death to the individual. If the individual is involved in an emergency situation, law enforcement will use the information to notify these emergency contacts. Only authorized law enforcement and BMV personnel will have access to this information. According to HB 392, next of kin information is not public record.

Individuals of age 18 & younger can participate in the program. However, one of the contacts must be a parent or guardian. The second emergency contact can be someone other than a parent or guardian.

The BMV is not responsible for any changes to emergency contact information. Individuals must update their own information as it changes.

To sign up for the services go online at www.bmv.ohio.gov [2] or fill out BMV document 2437. The Next of Kin form (BMV 2437 [3]) can be obtained either through the mail or any Deputy Registrar office. If you choose to mail the form, please send to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 16520, Columbus, OH, 43216-6520. For more information call BMV at 614-752-7600. Participation in this program is voluntary

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact On-line Enrollment

Please follow these steps to register your contact information:

1. Go to <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov> .
2. Click on "Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Information" under BMV Online Services section.
3. Fill in the fields for OLN, DOB, 1st initial of last name, last 4 of SSN & Word Verification Info. Click the "submit" button.
4. At the registration page, click on the checkbox for new entries or if already entered click on the "View / Edit" button for adds, changes or removals.
5. Complete the required fields for each contact. (limit – 2) - Full Name of Next of Kin or Emergency Contact & Home Phone #'s – required. Work Phone, Cell Phone or address is optional.
6. Click on the "Submit" button.

Links:

1. www.dps.state.oh.us/netsys/netdb/ENGLISH/MMENU.asp
2. www.bmv.ohio.gov/
3. www.bmv.ohio.gov/pdf_forms/2437.pdf

Operator's License W/ Emergency Contact Info Thru LEADS

A LEADS operator can query the Next of Kin information by entering a person's driver license/state id number, SSN or state id key number (number key is a unique identifier assigned by the BMV. It is located in the upper right hand corner of the DL and consists of numbers and dashes).

Query Result Example:

DL.OH0253802.RA100100

ANNE J SMITH

7548 TWP RD 93

LEWISVILLE, OH 43311

COUNTY: 21-Delaware

DOB: 01/01/1963 AGE: 46

SSN: 100 10 1001

KEY: 010192753

** PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION **

** ANATOMICAL DONOR: YES **

SEX: F HGT: 5'05" WGT: 125 HAIR: BROWN EYES: BROWN

** DRIVER LICENSE INFORMATION **

DLN: RA100100 CLASS: D ISS: 01/01/2009 EXP: 01/01/2013

STATUS: VALID

RESTRICTIONS: NONE

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE

----- CONVICTIONS: 1 -----

01 C1 IN-STATE CONVICTION

RECORD ADDED ON: 03/01/2005

SEQ NUMBER: 001

OFF: STOP SIGN

BATCH NUMBER: 030204

CONVICTION DATE: 02/10/2005 OFFENSE DATE: 02/07/2005

COURT: 2120- Delaware MUNI COURT TYPE: MUN CASE: 4D00621

PLEA: GUILTY

SENTENCE: FORFEITURE

POINTS: 02

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL: NO

PLATE NUMBER: PQ78YP

END

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THIS LEADS THROUGHPUT IS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORDS
REQUESTS PER ORC:149.43 AND OAC:4501:2-10-06.

Example of Kin / Emergency Contact Information

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CONTACT #1

RELATIONSHIP: HUSBAND

GORDON H Smith III

HOME: () - CELL: (740) 735-3432 WORK: () - EXT:

CONTACT #2

RELATIONSHIP: DAUGHTER

TIFFANY SPELLING

HOME: () - CELL: (740) 735-5125 WORK: () - EXT:

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