

Do you need to get a copy of, or Amend (change), a Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate?

2 Locations that can help...

① **Santa Clara Cnty Office of the Clerk-Recorder**

Location: 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, First Floor, San Jose, CA 95110

Office Hours: Check the website for the most up-to-date hours

Phone number: (408) 299-5688

Email: ClerkRecorder@rec.sccgov.org

Services:

- Record Documents
- Research Office Records/Purchase Official Records
- Purchase Birth, Death and Marriage Records for people born, married, or who died in Santa Clara County
- This office also performs other related services.

Website: www.clerkrecorder.org

② **California Dept. of Public Health Vital Records**

Mailing Address: California Department of Public Health, Vital Records
MS 5103, P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899-7410

Phone Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone number: (916) 445-2684

Email: VRmail@cdph.ca.gov

Website: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov> (click on "Birth, Death, & Marriage Certificates" under "Most Popular Links")

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Programs, Services, Health Information, Certificates & Licenses, Publications & Forms, and Data. Below this is a banner for Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and Director Dr. Ron Chapman. A large black arrow points from the text above to the 'Most Popular Links' section in the left sidebar. This section lists 'Birth, Death, & Marriage Certificates' as the first link. Other news items and hot topics are visible on the right side of the page.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

- In many cases, changing the last name of a child and amending the birth certificate involves establishing the identities of the parents. This often requires a court order. To apply for a court order you may hire a private attorney (contact the Lawyer Referral Service at 408-971-6822) or visit the **Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office** at the Notre Dame Courthouse located at 99 Notre Dame Ave., San Jose, CA 95113, 408-882-2926.
- There are private agencies that will obtain a copy of these documents for you from the State for an additional fee. You may find a list of these agencies by doing a web search using key word "Birth Certificate", "Death Certificate", "Marriage Certificate". Note: Santa Clara County Superior Court does not endorse any of these private agencies.

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