



Birth Certificate Data Collection Information

Information to be given to the parent(s)

According to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 144.211 to 144.227, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is required to register all births that occur in the state of Minnesota. Your hospital or medical provider will give MDH information about your child's birth that will be used to create an official record of your child's birth. You may be asked, by the hospital or medical provider to provide information.

If a birth occurs to unmarried parents, Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2, classifies the birth record as confidential **unless** the mother states that she wants the information to be public. A confidential birth record may be given only to the parent or guardian of the child, to the child at age 16 or older, or disclosed according to law or a court order.

Health information is collected as part of the birth registration. Health information includes information about your pregnancy and delivery, and the race, ethnicity and education information for each parent named on the birth record. Health information is used by MDH to identify diseases, disabilities and developmental delays and to find statistical relationships that may demonstrate a need for public health programs. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2a, classifies health information as private. Private health data on a birth record can be released only to the subject of the data, or disclosed according to law or a court order. MDH considers the mother to be the subject of the health information.

A social security number is collected for each parent named on the birth record. At your request, your social security number will be used to get a social security number for your child. The Code of Federal Regulations, section 1090, 42USCA S 654a(1) of the taxpayer relief act of 1997 requires MDH to collect a social security number for each parent if a social security number is requested for your child. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1215, subdivision 4, requires MDH to collect a social security number from each parent and classifies a social security number as private. Private information may be given to the subject of the information or disclosed according to law or a court order.

What will happen if you don't give us the information?

Minimum information for a birth record is the date and county of birth, the child's sex, the birth order if it is a multiple birth, and the first, middle and surname of the mother. If this minimum of information is not provided, MDH may not be able to register your child's birth.

If you request a social security number for your child as part of the birth registration process, each parent named on the birth record must provide a social security number. If each parent named on the birth record does not provide a social security number, the Social Security Administration may refuse to give your child a social security number through MDH. If you do not provide a social security number because you do not have one, your child may be given a social security number through MDH.

Other persons or agencies that are authorized by law to receive the information:

- 1.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.215, subdivision 4, allows the public authority responsible for child support services to request and receive the social security number of each parent listed on the birth record to establish parentage and to enforce child support obligations.
- 2.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2, allows anyone to receive a confidential birth record after 100 years if the child was not adopted.
- 3.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2, allows the Department of Human Services to receive birth and death record information.
- 4.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2, paragraph(d), allows a county social services or public health member of a family service collaborative to receive the name and address of a mother and the child's date of birth from confidential birth records to provide children and family services as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.23.
- 5.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 2a, allows public health agencies to receive health data which could identify mother or child at high risk for serious disease, disability or developmental delay to assure access to appropriate health, social, or educational services.
- 6.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 4, allows medical researchers to receive the birth record information if the researchers agree in writing not to disclose private or confidential data to individuals.
- 7.) Minnesota Statutes, section 144.225, subdivision 5, allows the resident state to receive information about a birth or death occurring in Minnesota to a non-resident.
- 8.) Minnesota Statutes, section 13.05, subdivision 7, allows private and confidential data to be used to prepare summary data reports from which individuals cannot be identified.

Pre-Admission / Birth Certificate Information

Do we have your permission to release your baby's name and birth information to the radio/newspaper?

Yes No

Mother's Information: What you print is how it will show up on the baby's Birth Certificate.

Legal Name: **First** _____ **Middle** _____ **Last** _____

Maiden Name _____

Place of Birth (State/Country) _____ Date of birth ____/____/____

Street Address _____ Apt# _____ City _____

County _____ Zip Code _____ **Township** _____

Do you live within the City Limits? Yes No **Phone Number** _____

Occupation _____ **Employer** _____ **Address** _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Contact: (Someone that does not reside with you)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____

Do you want us to apply for a Social Security Number for your child? Yes No

Are you married to the father? Yes No

If Single, do you designate the Birth Certificate to be secured, only to be viewed by parents or child at the age of 18 years? Yes No

Father's Information – If you are not married, "Parentage papers" (ROP) must be signed in order for the father's name to be on the baby's birth certificate.

Legal Name: **First** _____ **Middle** _____ **Last** _____

Your date of birth ____/____/____ Place of birth (State/Country) _____

Occupation _____ **Employer** _____ **Address** _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____

Confidential Information

Mother's Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Education: Last grade completed _____ (0-12) College _____ (# of Years, Maximum of 5)

Technical School Yes No Race _____ if Hispanic Specify Country _____

Father's Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Education: Last grade completed _____ (0-12) College _____ (# of Years, Maximum of 5)

Technical School Yes No Race _____ if Hispanic Specify Country _____

Mother's Medical Information

Calendar month prenatal care began _____ (Jan., Feb., etc..) Last Menses _____ (MM/YEAR)

Number of living children (not including this one) _____ Date of last live birth _____ (MM/YEAR)

Number of children who died after birth _____

Number of Ectopic, Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Abortion _____ Date last occurred _____ (MM/YEAR)