

*Response letter (Dec. 2018) from the Directeur de l'état civil to Community Deathcare Québec's letter (Nov. 2018), translated from the original French letter.*

Québec, December 3, 2018

Comité législatif SCMQ-CDQ  
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La Pêche (Québec) JOA 1A0

**Subject: Response to your request for information regarding the declaration of death form**

Madam/Sir,

This is concerning your request for information (on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018) in which you asked us how one can obtain a declaration of death form when a citizen does not wish to require services from a funeral home.

The Directeur de l'état civil's mission is to register civil events occurring in Québec, notably deaths. In order to do this, upon receipt of a declaration and certificate the act is drawn up and it is recorded in the civil register. In order to help out grieving families, the electronic and paper copy of the declaration of death form is made available to funeral homes. These homes are authorized by law to take the necessary measures with regards to the body of the deceased and to file the declaration of death. They also have to ensure the safe storage of the Directeur de l'état civil's forms. It is for this reason that the Directeur de l'état civil makes these forms available to them.

It is for this security reason that the Directeur cannot make all of these forms accessible. However, we invite you to make your specific requests to obtain a copy. Upon reception, we will analyze each request. Of course, we understand that in each case you will ensure that the Québec rules and laws concerning disposition of a body of a deceased person will be respected.

Best regards,

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