

Replacing Valuable Papers after a Disaster

When preparing for or recovering from a disaster, it's important to know how to replace valuable papers. Documents such as birth certificates, insurance policies, and health records may be lost or destroyed. Prompt replacement prevents delays when the documents are needed.

- Birth certificate, death, marriage, and divorce certificates are available from the Arkansas Department of Health Division of Vital Records is located in Little Rock, AR. Call 501-661-2174 or visit the website at:
<http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/certificatesVitalRecords/Pages/default.aspx>
- Contact your insurance agency for a copy of your policy. If you have any trouble locating the company, contact the Arkansas Department of Insurance at 501-371-2681 or www.state.ar.us/insurance.
- Order a replacement social security card online at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount> or visit your nearest Social Security office.
- To replace a driver's license, visit your local revenue office. Contact your local Circuit Clerk's office for property deeds. Visit your local Postal Service office for a new passport.

For a more complete list of valuable papers and how to replace them, visit www.uaex.edu/money or contact your county Extension Office and ask for the publication Replacing Valuable Papers, FSFCS45.

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