

INFORMATION FOR US CITIZENS

The U.S. embassy or consulate American Citizens Services (ACS) unit can assist family and friends in the event of the death of a U.S. citizen in Mexico to:

- Confirm the death, identity, and U.S. citizenship of the deceased.
- Attempt to locate and notify the next-of-kin.
- Coordinate with local funeral homes contracted by next-of-kin or legal representatives.
- Coordinate with the legal representative regarding the disposition of the remains and the personal effects of the deceased.
- Issue a Consular Mortuary Certificate in accordance with instructions from next-of-kin or legal representative to ensure orderly shipment of remains and facilitate U.S. Customs clearance. The certificate is in English and confirms essential information concerning the cause of death.
- Issue a Consular Report of Death of an U.S. Citizen Abroad to the next-of-kin or legal representative for use in settling estate matters in the United States..
- The Department of State has no funds to assist in the return of remains or ashes of U.S. citizens who die abroad.

**Visit the US State Department
for additional information at
[USEmbassy.gov](https://usembassy.gov)**

A Mexican death certificate is issued for anyone dying in Mexico. Foreign consulates in Mexico may also produce Report of Death for their citizens after Mexican death certificate has been issued. Contact your consulate for more information.

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INFO FOR CANADIAN CITIZENS

(info provided by publications.gc.ca)

After your death:

- In Mexico, only your legal next of kin can request and internment/cremation services.
- If your remains are to be returned to Canada, make sure that you have identified funeral homes in both Mexico and Canada.
- An autopsy may be mandatory in Mexico, depending on the circumstances of your death.
- The funeral home will provide your representative with one death certificate. Extra copies of the death certificate can be obtained through the funeral home for a fee. It is possible that institutions in Canada will request a certified copy of the death certificate (produced by the Mexican civil registry) and a translation from Spanish. It is important that your representative obtains plenty of copies. The Canadian consulate does not provide death certificates, but can provide a list of official translators. The translation can also be done in Canada.
- Your representative should bring your passport to the Canadian embassy or consulate to be canceled.
- The consulate does not give legal advice, nor can it intervene in private legal processes.

If you have any concerns, it is recommended that you also seek legal advice in both Canada and Mexico. For more information on the consular services provided by the Canadian Embassy visit

<https://travel.gc.ca/docs/publications/death-abroad.pdf>

OR

<https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/emergency-info/death-abroad>

Legal documents should be made with professional guidance and/or properly executed by a Notaria Publica

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