

REPORT OF AMERICAN DEATH IN THAILAND

Death occurs <u>in hospital</u>	➡ Hospital holds remains until they receive authorization from the U.S. Embassy	➡ Hospital provides documents showing the cause of death
If Death occurs <u>outside the hospital</u> Call Police and File a report (Provide Police a copy of U.S. Passport)	➡ Police sends body for autopsy Dr. determines cause of death	➡ Forensic determine cause of death and provide report. <i>(Could take up to three months)</i>
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i> Notify the U.S. Embassy ACS Unit 02-205-4049	➡ ACS will identify next-of-kin and provide authorization letter that will facilitate the release of decedent's remains.	➡ <u>Authorization letter should be collected from the ACS</u>
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Notify the Local Registration Office, within 24 hours.	
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Notify the area Immigration Office	
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Obtain Police Report and collect decedent's personal effects	} These documents are taken to the local registration office (Amphur) to obtain a Thai Death Certificate
	➡ Obtain document(s) from hospital, morgue or forensic lab	
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Take Death Certificate and letter from the ACS Unit to the facility holding the remains to have the body released	➡ Make arrangements with the local temple or funeral home for final disposition of body
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Obtain English Translation of Thai Death Certificate	➡ Fax the following documents to the ACS 02-205-4103 Thai Death Certificate & English translation passport, marriage certificate (if applicable) Passport, Military ID Card (if applicable)
<i>U.S. Embassy ACS Unit</i>	➡ Prepares a Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad.	➡ Provides @ 20 Copies to Surviving Spouse
<i>Surviving Spouse:</i>	➡ Contact ACS to arrange for pick-up of the Report of Death of an American Citizen Abroad You will need to present the original documents at this time	

U.S. Embassy ACS Unit

➡ Sends notification to the VA and SSA to stop benefits

➡ **DO NOT CASH CHECKS ISSUED AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH**

Surviving Spouse:

➡ Contact JUSMAG for new ID Card (if applicable)

Surviving Spouse:

➡ Contact the VFW Service Officer or RAO in Bangkok for assistance with VA claims, Social Security, Life Insurance and other potential benefits.

Please take the time to enroll in the U.S. Embassy STEP Program. Inform your spouse about your entitlements and where he or she can find important documents and let them know who they should contact for assistance should the need arise. VFW, Embassy Warden etc..

For additional information visit the [Post Website](#) and [RAO Website](#)

Important Documents your Surviving Spouse will need

- 1 DD-214
- 2 U.S. Military ID Card
- 3 U.S. Naturalization Certificate
- 4 U.S. Green Card
- 5 U.S. Social Security Card
- 6 Thai ID Card
- 7 U.S. and/or Thai Passport
- 8 Marriage Certificate(s) (with translation)
- 9 Divorce Certificate(s) (with translations)
- 10 Birth Certificates for all members of your family (with translation)
- 11 Adoption Papers
- 12 Drivers License
- 13 Will / Power of Attorney
- 14 Retiree Account Statement (RAS) and other pension documents
- 15 Civil Service (OPM) Documents
- 16 Social Security (SSA) Documents
- 17 Stock & Bonds Statements
- 18 List of Outstanding Debts
- 19 Insurance Documents
- 20 Income Tax Records
- 21 Copies of Deeds/Mortgages
- 22 Safe Deposit Box and/or SAFE Combinations
- 23 Association Membership(s) VFW, Amvet's etc...
- 24 Bank Account Information (Acct No., Pin No., etc.)
- 25 Internet Login Names & Passwords
- 26 House Register
- 27 Vehicle Titles