

Website Notice

Public Viewing of Birth, Death and Marriage Indexes Effective January 1, 2003

Currently, there is a major increase in the occurrence of identity theft nationwide. The California legislature has recognized the need to protect the integrity of vital records by preventing unauthorized access to personal birth and death information. To this end, Senate Bill 1614, Chapter 712 was passed and becomes operative on January 1, 2003.

The new law will prohibit the recorder from displaying indexes containing the mother's maiden name and social security number. Further, the law will prohibit the display of vital records indexes on the internet.

As the custodian of the vital records maintained in this office, we have the responsibility to safeguard our records from misuse on behalf of the citizens of Mendocino County. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.