



STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEATH BENEFITS

To obtain certified copies of registered personal documents, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics, P. O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2871.

STATE DEATH BENEFITS

No one-time state death benefit is available.

STATE PENSION BENEFITS

Pension benefits **differ from department to department**. Check with your local agency to see what pension plan your family may be eligible to receive benefits from.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

None Available.

HEALTH BENEFITS

Health benefits vary depending upon your local department's benefits package.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' Compensation coverage is compulsory for employers in Nebraska; however, waivers are allowed.

Benefit is **66 2/3%** of employee's wage for a spouse and **75%** for spouse with child(ren) with a **minimum weekly benefit of \$49 or actual wage if less than \$49 and a maximum weekly benefit of \$350**. *Starting January 1, 1996, the maximum weekly benefit will be 100% of the State's Average Weekly Wage*. There is also a maximum burial allowance of **\$2,000**.

Two-year lump sum payable to spouse **upon remarriage and weekly benefits cease**. Children receive benefits until age 18 or beyond age 18 if disabled, or until age 25 if full-time students.

To receive workers' compensation benefits the surviving spouse **must take the initiative** and file a workers' compensation claim through a **workers' compensation attorney** to receive any compensation. The determination as to whether the claim will be paid will be determined by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.



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Contact the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509-8908, telephone (402) 471-2568.

PERSONAL LIFE POLICY

Uniform Probate Code adopted as Nebraska Probate Code at 30-2201 et. seq.

Escheat - If decedent leaves no surviving spouse or kindred his real and personal property escheats to state. (30-2305).

Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act adopted.

Personality - Can be passed by separate written list (30-2338), or collected and distributed by affidavit when value of net estate does not exceed \$10,000. (30-24,125).

Real Property - Deed of distribution of real property must be recorded with register of deeds. (30-24, 105).

PEER SUPPORT

Established in 1984, **Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., (COPS)**, is a national, non-profit organization that works with law enforcement agencies, police organizations, mental health professional, and local peer-support organizations to provide assistance to surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. COPS has become a “lifeline” to police survivors nationwide. **Contact the COPS National Office or visit www.nationalcops.org/chap.htm for information on a chapter in your area.**

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Check with **your local police union or F.O.P. Association** for any additional benefits that could be available.