

Next-of-Kin Registry FAQs

What is the Next-of-Kin Registry (Sara's Law)?

- The Next-of-Kin Registry, established by a statute known as Sara's Law, is a statewide, web-based system that allows individuals ages 14 and older to voluntarily submit and maintain emergency contact information through the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC).
- The Next-of-Kin Registry will be used by law enforcement officials to locate designated emergency contacts in the event that an individual is involved in a motor vehicle crash that renders him or her unable to communicate.
- Information contained on the Next-of-Kin Registry is not a public record.

How is the Next-of-Kin Registry used?

- The non-public information in the registry will be used exclusively by law enforcement officials to locate individuals who have been designated as emergency contacts by registry users.
- In the event that a motor vehicle crash results in serious bodily injury, death or incapacitation of a driver or passenger, the law enforcement official shall attempt to locate an emergency contact by accessing the Next-of-Kin Registry.

Who is eligible to use the Next-of Kin Registry?

- Any individual who legally possesses New Jersey-issued driver's license, probationary license, learner's permit, non-driver identification card or any other MVC-issued permit or license authorizing an individual to operate a motor vehicle or vessel (i.e., boat) may utilize the registry.
- Additionally, individuals as young as 14 years old may utilize the Next-of-Kin Registry to submit emergency contacts if they apply for a non-driver identification card.

How can I participate in the Next-of Kin Registry?

- Eligible individuals may register (or update) Next-of-Kin information:
 - Online - please click [here](#)
 - or
 - By mail - [print out the form](#), complete the information and mail it to:
NJMVC
Driver Management Unit – Data Entry
P.O. Box 134
Trenton, NJ 08666-0134
- Emergency contact information (name/phone number) for up to two (2) individuals may be entered into the registry.
- It is the sole responsibility of all individuals who utilize the registry to ensure the accuracy of the information they submit and to keep it up-to-date. Emergency contact information may be updated at any time.

I am not old enough to obtain a driver's license or permit. May I still use the Next-of-Kin Registry?

- Individuals as young as 14 years-of-age who want to utilize the registry but who do not possess a driver's license or permit may apply for a non-driver identification card.
- Anyone under 17 years of age must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian to obtain the non-driver identification card.
- To obtain a non-driver identification card, the applicant must present 6 Points of ID along with proof of his or her legal address. Please click [here](#) for additional information about the MVC's 6 Point ID Verification Program.

How much does a non-driver identification card cost?

- The cost is \$24.00 for a four-year identification card.

Do I need to have a driver's license to access the Next-of-Kin Registry?

- No. Users of the registry may possess other forms of MVC-issued documents: learner's permit, non-driver identification card, agricultural license, moped license or boat license.

Can anyone be listed as an emergency contact in the Next-of-Kin Registry?

- No. Any emergency contact identified by a registry user must be at least 18 years of age.
- If the registry user is under 18 years of age, the emergency contact must be his or her parent or legal guardian.