The National Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public benefit organization

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What is the National Next of Kin Registry?
The National Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) is a new high-speed solution to locating your Next Of Kin or emergency point of contact in urgent situations. This free service is offered to individuals and to Local and State Agencies Internationally. NOKR is a nonprofit organization that was created to assist in the notification process when an individual is missing, injured or deceased. There has been no system or service of this kind in place, until now. The luxury of the Internet is the ability to communicate efficiently across the globe at lightning speed, bringing a nation of people together. NOKR is a front-line approach to accelerate this location and notification process. NOKR is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public benefit organization.

When will our information be used?
Here are just a few cases where your information will be useful.

- Missing or injured child, adult or senior
- Accidents while traveling nationally or internationally
- Unconscious person unable to communicate
- Natural disasters
- Terrorist acts nationally or internationally
- Deceased person used to locate a next of kin or point of contact

Who Does NOKR share information with?
NOKR is strictly against associating or sharing information for 3rd party distribution or for personal gain. NOKR is a public service tool for both citizens and emergency agencies. NOKR is a facilitating tool for those who cannot directly speak to emergency personal. When you store your minimal contact information the only viewer of this information would be that of emergency services. (PUBLIC >NOKR< AGENCIES)

How does NOKR work?
You would visit the registration page or the mail-in / fax form page and register either yourself and a point of contact for next of kin or you could register a family member and a point of contact as a next of kin. Optionally you could register a friend or significant other as a point of contact. Each registration is date stamped; you may also register yourself multiple times. If you have registered yourself several times, we do store each registration and index all individually by date. This information is kept secured and is sent encrypted to a secure area on a separate server once you press the register button. This information is not accessible to the public and is not located on the same site you register at. The public stores their information in NOKR and agencies can retrieve that information from the NOKR in emergency situations. (INFORMATION STORED BY PUBLIC >NOKR SYSTEM< EMERGENCY AGENCIES)

Scenario # 1
With this service a person can register a family member with ease, example scenario: Your elderly mother lives in Bellingham, WA and your elderly father lives in San Diego. They both live alone. You live in New York and talk with both of them once a month. In the event either of your family members above passes away and no immediate family member can be found, the city or county would step in and act as their public guardian and process their remains and personal effects. Not to sound too harsh, but this is the standard operating procedures. If the Medical Examiner's Investigator is unable to readily find information that leads to the next of kin, the case is turned over to an investigator who uses a wide range of databases (i.e. birth/marriage records, social security records,
etc) and Internet search engines. Unfortunately the county, city and state lack unlimited resources to track down a next of kin. So you as a family member could be faced with the belated information that your loved one has passed on and that no one was locatable at the time. Therefore the public agencies followed their procedures and took guardianship of your family member.

Scenario #2
If you’re traveling away from your home and an accident occurs rendering you unable to speak. This registry would help officials to locate a point of contact for you. The optional registration card would be helpful in this scenario.

Scenario #3
If you have a child that spends time away from home with friends or in activities this is a good service for you. When your child leaves the home to play in your neighborhood, how will you be contacted if your child has an emergency? The optional registration card would be helpful in this scenario.

The above explains a few different types of scenarios. This registry will benefit the young as well as the older person. There are many applications in which this registry will benefit you and your families. Including a recently missing person or injured person.

With this new system:
Now Agencies can use the NOKR search service to locate your registered point of contact more rapidly, thus bridging the information gap that currently does exist.

Will my Next Of Kin Registration be my legal next of kin?
The short answer is no. To appoint a legal next of kin contact a competent attorney in your area. The next of kin registry will aid local and state agencies in establishing a point of contact.

Who can I list as my next of kin or emergency contact?
You can register anyone as your next of kin or emergency contact; most individuals will list a close family member. Some individuals are estranged from family, so they may list a friend, neighbor or (Other) who may in turn give the investigating agency useful information. You can register as many family members or friends as you like, in any order. The idea is this; by linking two people together the investigating agency will have a direct point of contact.

How do I update my information in the registry?
Once you register, your information is stored as a permanent record in the national registry. Anytime your information changes you may come back to the national registry and register your new information, via the registration form. This will create a new record that will parallel the old record on file. Each registration is date stamped. If you have registered yourself several times, we do store each registration and index all individually by date.

Can this registry help with the Amber Alert Plan?
The Amber Alert is a critical missing child response program that utilizes the resources of law enforcement. The information contained in this registry could help officials identify the child in question rapidly if a photo or other vital information was available. For more information about the amber alert visit http://amberalert.com.
What happens if a Next Of Kin can't be located in the event of death?
In the event the next of kin is not immediately available to secure a decedent's residence and personal possessions, the Public Administrator or Law Enforcement may be called to secure the residence and the contents therein. This is done to protect the interest of the decedent and the next of kin. If the next of kin were available to take possession of the decedent's residence and its contents these agencies would not be called. You may or may not have a public administrator in your area. This depends on your county and/or city's needs. This process above may be performed by the law enforcement agency in the decedents area, if there is no public administrator.

Each time you leave your home you lose direct contact with your family and friends. If you are incapacitated who will speak for you? How will anyone know how to locate your next of kin or emergency point of contact? If you're missing, critically injured or deceased the National Next Of Kin Registry will speak for you.

What is the Optional Registration Card?

The optional registration card is an immediate on hand resource of information that indicates your next of kin is registered with the national registry. This card is not a requirement. If you choose to use this card you must register your next of kin in the national registry for the card to function properly. This card is beneficial if you travel locally or overseas, if you live alone or for your children to keep on their person. Optionally, you can print a card and then mail it to the person or persons you have registered. We recommend that you laminate your card for long-term protection.

Keep this card in your wallet, purse or even post it to an area of the home, such as your refrigerator, for quick open access. If your next of kin is needed for an emergency situation, this card will identify you as being a registered person to the responding agency.

Who can use this service and are there any limitations?

**There are no limitations.** This service is dedicated to helping individuals with the notification process internationally. This service can be used for example to register a child, teenager, older individuals living alone, homeless, travelers, etc. This service is for anyone that would like to stay connected. In the event of a natural, man-made disaster or even a terrorist act this registry has a true value to help locate an individuals Next Of Kin or emergency point of contact. By officials using the current search feature and running an address only, name or a combination of the both.
I Don't Own A Computer!!!
For those interested in the notification concept, and don't have a computer to assist them with the informational input. Most all local libraries and/or friends could help in this area. Tell a Friend / Neighbor. Optionally we do have the mail in or fax registration form.

What personal information does NOKR collect?
For the individual you are registering we only ask for their name, address, city and state. Optionally, you can add their telephone number, date of birth/age or upload an optional photo. For the Next Of Kin, we only collect name, address, city and state. Optionally you can add a telephone number and email address. The optional items are just that, optional. If you choose to fill them in, this would be helpful to Local and State Agencies who are attempting to make a unique match.

How could you not be located, why would this happen?
Most individuals believe if they have a driver's license or credit cards on their person, that if in fact something were to happen to them a next of kin could be found. These forms of identification only tell an investigator about you not who should be contacted or where to find an emergency contact. This problem becomes even more complex if the information on your current identification is not current. Archiving your next of kin/emergency point of contact information in the NOKR system along with the optional registration card will help to expedite the location of your loved ones.

A family member of our "NOKR" developer was a resident of a convalescent care facility in 1990. He visited her monthly as often as he could visit her, since he was active in the US Marines. His other family members were living overseas at the time. He had been visiting the convalescent facility for over four years, having a strong connection with the staff, caring for his family member. They had been informed several times over the years that if she needed anything or if she were to pass on, he wanted to be notified immediately. Around late April 1990, she passed on. Due to poor record keeping, the staff did not inform him as the next of kin. Since no immediate family member was available, the coroner turned her case over to the public administrator; who took guardianship of his loved one. The grief he had and the frustration at this process has brought about this (Next Of Kin Registry) that is in place today.

We understand the role of the Medical Examiners-Coroners Office, as our developer has worked in and with this office in the past. He understands what takes place when a family member cannot be located or notified. It is truly the desire of most public agencies to resolve a descendant’s case and bring closure to a family. This is not in many cases an option as public officials are often limited by a lack of information in this search.

Can anyone access my information?
NO, Local and State Agencies only working to locate a Next Of Kin or emergency point of contact.

What else does the "National Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR)" do? The sole purpose of our organization is to assist in the rapid location and notification process, by gathering basic contact information. This information is archived as future information only.
Who pays for this service?
NOKR relies upon donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to provide its services. NOKR is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Public Benefit Organization. NOKR will never solicit you or anyone registered.

Who can advertise on your website?
We do not accept any type of advertisements or banners.

I don't want my personal information shared on the internet?
The National Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) does not share your personal information for the general population to view or purchase, we are archiving your information for emergency use only. If this is a concern, you should understand that many websites now currently sell personal information openly for a small fee. We don't advocate such a practice.

Do you have any stats?
NOKR statistics come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the 2001 Death/Mortality report 2,416,425 died in the USA. There is 1 death in the United States of America every 13 seconds.

United States CDC/National Center for Health Statistics

These individuals below would have been unable to provide information about who should be contacted on their behalf. This is when the Next Of Kin Registry emergency contact system would become critical.

Patient’s unconscious upon arrival into the Emergency Room Department (annual)

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Adding the statistics below:

1) Patients with altered state of consciousness upon arrival into the Emergency Department
2) Patients in cardiac arrest upon arrival into the Emergency Department
3) Patients in respiratory arrest upon arrival into the Emergency Department
4) Patients in cardio-pulmonary arrest upon arrival into the Emergency Department
5) Patients unable to speak English arrest upon arrival into the Emergency Department

The total is:

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How do I remove my registration?
To remove your record from the national registry please send the following information. The name of the individual registered, the next of kin associated with this individual, the city and state for both persons. Your letter must also include the date your registration was sent; this is a security factor for permanent removal.

Please send this remove request via letter to:
National Next Of Kin Registry
Attention: NOKR Removal
30542 Bay Hill Drive
Temecula, CA 92592

Or email this information above to remove@pleasenotifyme.org

How secure is my information?
Your Next Of Kin information is collected inside a SSL (Secure Socket Layer), and then it is transferred encrypted into a secure archiving area. SSL is a protocol that allows for secure online transactions. SSL uses the public-and-private key encryption system from RSA, which also includes the use of a digital certificate.

The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol has become the universal standard on the Web for authenticating sites and for encrypting communications between users and Web servers.

An encrypted SSL connection requires all information sent between a client and a server to be encrypted by the sending software and decrypted by the receiving software, protecting private information from interception over the Internet. In addition, all data sent over an encrypted SSL connection is protected with a mechanism for detecting tampering that is, for automatically determining whether the data has been altered in transit. This means that users can confidently send private data, to a Web site, trusting that SSL keeps it private and confidential.

How does NOKR deter misconduct?
The Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) has put in place several overt and covert security features, in order to prevent unlawful actions. Once you are contacted by a State or Local Agency, you will need to show definitive proof to this agency, that you are in fact the next of kin for the descendant. If you have further questions regarding this type of proof, you may consider consulting a competent attorney or your Local City or State Law Enforcement Agency.
Next Of Kin Registry sets launch date for historic 50 State US Campaign, Followed by international campaigns

If for whatever reason, be it a car accident, medical mishap or some sort of disaster you were left unconscious, would the police or medical service attendants know how to get a hold of your next of kin? Would the caretakers of your children know who to contact if you did not show up to pick up your kids?

On November 19th in San Diego, California, The National Next of Kin Registry (NOKR) will launch the organizations grassroots campaign called Reach Out To America (ROTA). ROTA will become the first and largest ever US campaign to register an individual's next of kin or emergency point of contact in 50 States and over 250 US cities nationwide. NOKR will visit 5 plus cities in each state. Our goal is to educate and provide the NOKR service to individuals, families, Native Americans, seniors, disabled citizens and homeless individuals in rural areas of America. NOKR will emphasize on helping those who do not have direct media or internet access and establishing an alliance with the local authorities, civic and tribal leaders.

Many people think that if they are carrying a driver's license or identification card, authorities will know who their emergency contact is in case someone is missing, injured or deceased. Often times though, the information is not current or readily available and it becomes very difficult to locate next of kin.

NOKR would like to ask individuals to safeguard themselves and their family. Disasters and Terrorism can strike at any time. NOKR is a high-speed solution to locating an individuals Next Of Kin in urgent situations internationally. This service is designed to help if you or your family member is missing, injured or deceased. NOKR is a free service to the public as well as the Local and State agencies using the search service.

How does the system work? You can safely and securely register electronically via the internet at www.nokr.org or by mail or fax with a paper registration form. NOKR is an archiving system that allows you to safely store minimal but vital contact information that is ONLY accessible by registered local, state and federal emergency agencies in the event of urgent need.

NOKR has had tremendous success on the national level and now on the international level. NOKR is a steadfast organization dedicated to bridging the information gap between the public and the registered agencies. NOKR's nonprofit free service provides these agencies assistance in the rapid location for those who have registered their next of kin or emergency point of contact. We should mention there is no other service like NOKR that is available anywhere internationally.

Many unfortunate accidents happen each day to individuals in our society and many of them do not have information, which could lead to expeditious family location. NOKR is beneficial in many ways. In the unique and changing climate we currently live in, unfortunately tragedies such as 9/11, the Southeast Asian tsunami or even more recently the London bombing, has reminded us about our vulnerability and the importance of family.

NOKR has also recently been introduced to the 109th congress as a resource for Hospitals nationally as part of the Elaine Sullivan Act H.R. 2560.

NOKR will provide services not “if” a tragedy should occur, not “if” a disaster should happen and in this day in age not “if” terrorism disrupts our lives but “when” these events come about.

For more information and recent news please visit NOKR at http://www.nokr.org.
WHERE IS NOKR USED

NOKR is used internationally and linked to many public offices and organizations just to name a few:

FirstGov.gov, the official U.S. gateway to all government information
Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC)
International Committee of the Red Cross
Missing Irish People (Ireland)
Hospice Foundation of America
New York Police Department
Suffolk County Police New York
San Diego Public Administrator
San Diego County Medical Examiner
Virginia State Police
Placer County Coroner’s Office
Putnam County Coroner
Hamilton County Medical Examiner Office
Centennial, CO
Denver Coroners Office
Spokane Police
Klaas Kids Foundation
Las Vegas NV Coroner Investigators
National Park Service United States Park Police
Loveland Coroners Office
Sonoma, County
Spokane Medical Examiner
Fulton County Medical Examiner
National Association Of Medical Examiners
Bellingham Police
Whatcom County Sheriffs
Seattle Police
Vancouver, Washington Police
Tacoma Police
Washington State Patrol
Fresno County
Los Angeles County Department of Coroner
Friendly 4 Seniors
Region 3 Fire Council
Whatcom Fire Departments
Whatcom EMS Council
Washington State University Fire
Homeward Richmond
American Assistance Center
National Center for Missing Adults (NCMA)
Outpost for Hope
Doe Network
Guide Star
Network for Good
Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

U.S.A. Department of Defense (AmericaSupportsYou)
Disasterhelp.gov (NGOs)
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania
Commonwealth Of Virginia
Commonwealth Of Kentucky
State Of Tennessee
State Of South Carolina
State Of Arkansas
State Of Vermont
State Of Maine
State Of Maryland
State Of Oregon
State Of California
State Of Montana
State Of New York
State Of Nebraska
State Of Kansas
State Of Alaska
State Of Washington
State Of Indiana
State Of Minnesota
State Of Hawaii
State Of Arizona
State Of Nevada
State Of Mississippi
State Of Louisiana
State Of Florida
State Of Wyoming
State Of Delaware
State Of Texas
State Of North Dakota
Washington D.C. (Emergency Information Center)
Malaysia Central
Bala Aceh
Tsunami Locator
Thalang Hospital Phuket, Thailand
Next of Kin Education Project
Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center
Operation Desert Strike—2nd ID —503 (7 Steps To Successful Notification For Hospitals)
NOKR Inc. STRATEGIC GOAL TIMELINE

PHASE I: Januarys 2004 - March, 2004

- Website and Database developed for local, state and federal agencies. Internet site for registration www.pleasenotifyme.org opened to the public on 01/01/2004.

- Pilot test service in Washington state 01/01/2004 03/15/2004

- Search engine placement for the National Next Of Kin Registry with top placement in name search.

- Information regarding the National Next Of Kin Registry and our free service circulated out to all law enforcement agencies, coroner/medical examiners and public guardian agencies across the USA and Canada.

PHASE II: Through March, 2005


- Public education to reach out those who may not have access to the Internet (i.e., homeless, runaways, elderly, veterans)

- 250 city tour Nationwide in our (Reach Out To America Campaign).


- Establish the NOKR rapid response team, which will respond to disaster areas to aid with the search process for family members and their next of kin.

- Register nationally and internationally 50,000,000 new individuals

- Establish volunteer opportunities with NOKR worldwide

PHASE III: Through March 2007

- Creation of NOKR regional offices and “Response” team, to be onsite in given situations (i.e.: hurricanes, terrorist attacks) to assist in providing and finding next of kin data to inform local law enforcement, etc, with specific needs.

- Creating 800 numbers and postcard mailing for registration postage free.

- Open European office to secure alliances with law enforcement overseas.
NOKR Inc. CURRENT CAMPAIGN
Reach Out To America (ROTA)

Overview of Reach Out To America Campaign 2005:

What is the NOKR Reach Out To America Campaign? This is the National Next Of Kin Registry's grassroots drive to reach as many citizens throughout the United States to educate them about the National Next Of Kin Registry (NOKR) and the organization's free registration service.

NOKR, through a mobile command center, will establish information and registration locations in over 250 cities nationwide. NOKR will man two booths open for 2 eight-hour days to register individuals. NOKR will collect minimal but vital information about each new person and their next of kin / emergency point of contact. This information will be archived to assist authorities in the event they or their family member is missing, injured or deceased. NOKR will establish one booth to explain this free service and a second booth, which will allow individuals to either, register via computer or complete a paper registration form.
Each person who registers will have the option of having one of four items:

1) A decal for their license or identification card that indicates their next of kin/emergency contact is registered.

2) An optional registration card with name, address, phone and date registered that indicates their next of kin/ emergency contact is registered.

3) An optional registration card with their photo, name, address, phone and date registered indicating their next of kin/ emergency contact is registered.

4) An optional metal identification tag, which can be worn around the neck or attached to many other items. This tag will have the individuals, name, city and date registered indicating their next of kin/emergency contact information is registered.

NOKR stand-downs will be scheduled in advance with authorities and location managers by NOKR's scheduling staff in California. These events will be held in prominent locations such as civic fields, stadiums, high schools and local safety fairs.

NOKR will hold registrations for the first two days of each stand-down. On the event's third day, NOKR organizers will hold a four-hour conference with local officials, Medical Examiner-Coroner, local law enforcement and civic leaders to discuss NOKR's privacy, security and related questions.

NOKR will also focus on assisting local agencies in establishing their own community outreach program that will include materials to register members of their community into the national registry.

The NOKR stand-downs will focus on rooting into areas of America where individuals lack Internet access or mainstream media. NOKR will also focus on registering seniors, children and the homeless. With NOKR's International locator system it doesn't matter where any of these registered individuals travel. Their archived information will link them back to their emergency contact information.

NOKR will have two staff members to run the mobile command center along with assistance from local volunteers in each scheduled location. NOKR support staff will maintain an office in Temecula, California that will include an office manager, two scheduling agents, two network administrators and a volunteer coordinator. NOKR's volunteer coordinator will contact each upcoming city to request assistance from the area's churches and volunteer centers to help with each stand-down event. NOKR's scheduling agents will arrange each event by state and city four weeks in advance.

NOKR scheduling agents will also contact local broadcast media, radio and print to ask that they provide NOKR assistance in broadcasting each upcoming coming stand-down as a free community resource.

NOKR's campaign will begin 11/19/2005.

The NOKR's Reach Out To America Campaign will continue until all cities have been reached.

NOKR's goal is to raise $5 million dollars to carry out this national program.
NOKR MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT:

By making next of kin information more accessible to Local and State Agencies
NOKR makes a painful process less painful for individuals and families.

OBJECTIVE:

To help facilitate the next of kin notification process for families by providing Local and State
Agencies with secured access to online information provided by individuals.
This service is free to the public and to the registered agencies using the search service.

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