



Form 411088 (07-23)

CERTIFICATION OF DEATH INTESTATE (WITHOUT A WILL) FOR VEHICLE TRANSFER

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This affidavit is authorized by Iowa Code 321.47(2) and may be used to transfer a vehicle if a decedent dies intestate (without a will) and there is no administration of the estate.
2. The completed and signed affidavit must be notarized.
3. The transferee should submit the final signed affidavit to the county treasurer with Form 411007, Application for Certificate of Title and Registration.

Decedent information		
First name, last name <i>Harold W. Vandenberg</i>		
Date of death <i>03/12/2026</i>		
Last address <i>1206 Broadway St</i>		
City <i>Pella</i>	State <i>IA</i>	Zip <i>50219</i>

Transferee / Inheritor information		
First name, last name <i>Marlys J. Vandenberg</i>		
DL, ID or Social Security number <i>418KQ9037</i>		
Current address <i>1418 Prairie Rose Ct</i>		
City <i>Pella</i>	State <i>IA</i>	Zip <i>50219</i>

Vehicle information			
Year <i>2009</i>	Make <i>Ford</i>	Model <i>Escape</i>	Title number (if known) <i>0074219886</i>
VIN <i>5W2TPB8E19C740215</i>		Plate number (if known) <i>BXQ 733</i>	Title state of issuance <i>Iowa</i>

Federal law and State law require that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I state that the odometer now reads *168,204* (no tenths) miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described herein, unless one of the following statements is checked:

☐ I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.

☐ I hereby certify that the odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage. WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.

AFFIDAVIT OF TRANSFEREE / INHERITOR

I, the undersigned, state the following:

1. This vehicle was titled and registered in the decedent's name.
2. Decedent died intestate. There has been no administration of the decedent's estate.
3. Under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Iowa, I am entitled to possession and ownership of the vehicle.
4. I hereby agree to indemnify any creditors of the decedent who would be entitled to levy execution upon the vehicle to the extent of the value of the vehicle.
5. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County Treasurer to whom I am providing this affidavit from any damages sustained by person or persons because of such transfer of ownership.

Transferee signature

Date

For witnessing or attesting signature:

State of _____

County of _____

Signed (or attested) before me on

Date _____

Name of notary _____

(notary seal)

Signature of notary _____

How to fill out 411088 — Certification of Death Intestate (Without a Will) for Vehicle Transfer

Iowa · written against 411088 (07-23), issued under Iowa Code s. 321.47(2), transfer of an intestate decedent's vehicle without administration

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The same job as the testate affidavit, for somebody who left no will and no administered estate. The difference is one extra promise: the person inheriting agrees to indemnify any creditor of the decedent who could have levied on the car, up to what the car is worth. That is the trade Iowa makes for letting a vehicle move without a court order, and it is worth reading before signing.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 411088 from the Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://iowadot.forms.govos.com/f/CO22091000367484491?f=411088.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	OTHER	Decedent information	Name, date of death, last address, city, state and zip, in the left-hand block. Watch out: The date of death is what the whole affidavit hangs on. Take it from the certificate rather than from memory.
2	OTHER	Transferee / inheritor information	Name, a driving licence, identification card or social security number, and a current address. Watch out: This form has no organisation option. If a trust or a company is taking the vehicle, the testate form or a court order is the route.
3	OTHER	Vehicle information	Year, make, model and title number; then VIN, plate number and title state of issuance. Watch out: The plate number is marked if known because it is often already gone - which is correct, since the plates should have come off.
4	OTHER	The odometer reading	Whole miles, with the two exception boxes underneath. Watch out: If the car has sat unused since the death, read it anyway. An estimate is a false statement on a disclosure that carries a fraudulent practice charge.
5	OTHER	Read all five numbered statements	Titled in the decedent's name; died intestate with no administration; entitled under the laws of descent and distribution; indemnity to creditors; indemnity to the county treasurer. Watch out: Statement 4 is the one people sign without reading. It puts the affiant behind the decedent's creditors up to the value of the car.
6	OTHER	Sign in front of a notary	Transferee signature and date, then the state, county, date, notary name, seal and signature. Watch out: The form's own instruction 2 is one line long and it is this. An unnotarised affidavit comes straight back.
7	OTHER	Take it in with Form 411007	Both documents together, to the county treasurer. Watch out: If the person inheriting is the surviving spouse, say so at the counter - the title fee and the surcharge are waived under s. 321.47(2)(a).

What gets this one rejected

- Using it where an estate is being administered. 761 IAC 400.13(5) wants a copy of the court order or the letter of appointment where there is an administrator.
- An unnotarised affidavit. Instruction 2 on the form requires it, and 761 IAC 400.13(5) calls for a notarized affidavit of death intestate form in terms.
- Signing it without reading statement 4. It is an agreement to indemnify any creditors of the decedent who would be entitled to levy execution upon the vehicle, to the extent of the value of the vehicle.
- Filing it alone. Instruction 3 sends the transferee to the county treasurer with Form 411007.
- Using it where more than one person is entitled under the laws of descent and distribution and they do not agree. Statement 3 asserts that the affiant is entitled to possession and ownership, singular.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off 411088 (07-23) and the Iowa Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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