



How to Change your Name after Marriage



FIRST, take your certified marriage certificate to the Social Security Office and change your name there. You can do this in person or through the mail. It might be faster to go in person. When they are done with it, the folks at Social Security should return your certified marriage certificate to you.

SECOND, take your certified marriage certificate to the DMV and change your name on your driver's license or state ID card. **Please note: the DMV does not want to see you until you have first changed your name with Social Security.** The DMV has computer access to a Social Security database and they will know whether or not you have been to Social Security. When they are done with it, the folks at the DMV should return your certified marriage certificate to you.

THIRD, change your name with everyone else – bank, employer, mortgage lender, credit card, utilities, etc. They may ask for a copy of your marriage certificate. **DO NOT make any copies. It is a felony to photocopy a certified marriage certificate.** If they need proof in order to change your name, you could send them a certified marriage certificate with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a note requesting that they return it to you when they are through with it.



Social Security Office: 6011 Odana Rd. 866.770.2262.

Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DMV: 2001 Bartillon Dr (Madison East)

4802 Sheboygan Ave (Madison West)