

# Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

## Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Enrollment

The Ohio BMV Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Enrollment is a voluntary program that allows an individual with a valid Ohio driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary permit or identification card to submit two emergency contacts to the Ohio BMV, to be used by law enforcement in the event the person is seriously injured or killed in an automobile crash. If the individual is involved in an emergency situation or is otherwise unable to communicate, law enforcement will use the information to notify these emergency contacts. Individuals may submit their information online at [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov), on a Next of Kin form through the mail or sign up at any Deputy Registrar. Forms to be mailed may be gotten online or at any Deputy Registrar. Only authorized law enforcement personnel and BMV employees have access to the information. It may only be used to contact next of kin designations in cases where the individual is unable to communicate due to an accident or emergency. This information is not considered public record.

According to the Ohio BMV, the individual enters the contact information and it is loaded into a database. When an officer performs a search on an individual who has entered the contact information, the information will display on the individual's record for the officer to see. The officer can then make the contact, if necessary.