

# Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor today!

## The truth about organ, eye and tissue donation



- If you are taken to the hospital after an accident or injury, it is the hospital's number one priority to save YOUR life. Organ and tissue donation is not an option until death occurs.
- Your age and medical history should not prevent you from joining the West Virginia Donor Registry. At the time of death, if you are eligible to be a donor, medical tests will determine what organs, eyes and/or tissues are healthy enough for transplant.
- If an open casket funeral was possible before donation, those plans should not be altered.
- All major religions in the United States support organ and tissue donation, many seeing it as a generous act of giving and caring.
- If you decide to be an organ and tissue donor your family will NOT have to pay for the medical expenses associated with the donation.
- Organs are allocated based on factors like severity of illness, blood type, body size and length of time on the list. An individual's wealth or social status plays no role in the decision.
- You can sign up to be an organ or tissue donor in any of the following ways:
  - Say "YES" when you renew or receive your Driver License or State ID Card
  - Log onto <https://donatelife.wv.gov> to register
  - Sign a donor card

**For more information on donation log onto:  
[www.lifelineofohio.org](http://www.lifelineofohio.org)**