

How can I be certain that my information in the registry will remain confidential?

Registry information is kept strictly confidential and can only be accessed by 1) Department of Health employees when required for the performance of their official duties, 2) federally regulated organ procurement organizations such as ConnectLife, 3) New York State licensed tissue and eye banks and 4) other entities formally approved by the Commissioner of Health. Such access can only be for the purpose of identifying potential organ, tissue, and eye (cornea) donors at or near the time of death.

Is there any age restriction on joining the registry?

Legislation passed in 2017 now allows all New Yorkers 16 years old and up to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor. Prior to this legislation, the minimum age required for enrollment was 18.

What do you mean when you say this is a registry of legal consent?

By enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry, you become a designated donor. It means that you are giving legal consent for the recovery of your organs, tissues and eyes for the purposes of transplantation and research at the time of your death. Your legally binding decision may not be overturned by any other person. It ensures that your decision will be shared with your next-of-kin or other authorized person; the donation process will be explained to them in great detail.

How can I confirm that I am registered, make changes to my information or withdraw from the Donate Life Registry?

To find out about your New York State Donate Life Registry status, to make changes to your enrollment information or to remove your name from the registry, you can contact Donate Life New York State at 1-866-NY-DONOR or registry@donatelife.ny.gov.