

# HOW TO CHANGE YOUR NAME AFTER THE WEDDING



- 1) **Obtain a Copy of your Certified Marriage Certificate** – Pick up your certified marriage certificate at any Register of Deeds office in the State of Wisconsin.

Columbia County – 112 E. Edgewater Street, Portage (608) 742-9677

- 2) **Update your Social Security Card** – Take your marriage certificate to the Social Security office and change your name there. You can do this in person, through the mail, or online (Note: Online requires the State File Number of the marriage record.)

Portage office – 2875 Village Road, Suite 100

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

1 (888) 875-1681

Online: <https://www.ssa.gov/personal-record/change-name>

- 3) **Update your Driver's License** – Once you've gone to the Social Security office wait at least 24 hours before going to the DMV. Please take your certified marriage certificate with you. You don't need to have your new social security card, however, it will allow enough time for the system to update with your new name.

Portage office – 2888 Village Road

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

- 4) **Update Other Accounts** – Change your name on all other accounts you have such as banks, employers, credit cards, mortgage, utilities, insurance, etc. They may ask for a copy of your marriage certificate. Remember to also update your voter registration with your name change. You may do so through the MyVote Wisconsin website at <http://myvote.wi.gov> or by contacting your local municipal clerk for assistance.

**\*DO NOT make any copies of your certified marriage certificate as it is a felony.\***

Both the SSA and DMV should return your marriage certificate to you. If anyone else needs proof in order to do a name change, you could mail a certified marriage certificate to them along with a self-addressed stamped envelope requesting they send it back to you.

The SSA and DMV may also require other documents for a name change. Please contact them for further information.

