



# Reporting of Safe Deposit Boxes and Safekeeping Items

Use the following guidelines and tips when reporting safe deposit box contents and safekeeping items:

- Unclaimed safe deposit box (SDB) contents and other property held in safekeeping (collectively, safekeeping items) are to be reported annually by November 1.
- Do not send SDB contents or safekeeping items until specific direction is received from the State Treasurer's Office.
- Coins and currency should not be deposited and must be reported as held.
- Unpaid box rental fees, lock drilling and other charges may not offset against safekeeping items.
- A separate report must be filed for safekeeping items; do not comingle safekeeping items and intangible property.
- Electronic reporting of safekeeping is required to maintain the integrity of the contents being remitted.
- Provide accurate and detailed descriptions of the SDB contents to avoid discrepancies. The State Treasurer's Office will contact you if the descriptions do not adequately reflect what is remitted.

### Detailing and Itemizing Unclaimed Safekeeping

Open all sealed envelopes and containers to obtain an accurate description. The following examples are intended to assist you in creating item descriptions for reporting purposes:

Papers Will of John Doe

Birth Certificate of John Doe

Abstract of home located 123 Main St

Miscellaneous papers of no value (i.e. – receipts, letters, tax documents, car titles, insurance policies, empty envelopes). You may combine miscellaneous

papers and report them as one item.

Securities American Company, Certificate #ABC123, 600 shares, registered to John Doe

\$50 US Series E savings bond #Q6349724P for John Doe

Cash/Coin 12 Wheat pennies

5 Buffalo nickels73 Jefferson nickels40 Washington quarters

1 coin wrapper containing 50 Lincoln pennies (indicate if original wrapper is

empty)
10 \$1.00 bills
20 Mexican pesos

Valuables/Other 6 yellow metal necklaces

1 yellow metal pocket watch

1 white metal ring with 5 clear stones

1 pair screw back earrings with clear red stone

#### Safekeeping Property Type Codes

Use the following property type code to categorize each item when submitting a report:

ABST - Abstracts MSVL - Miscellaneous Items of Value

BILL - US Paper Currency PHOT - Photos
CERT - Birth Certificate STCK - Stock Certificate

COIN - US Coins STMP - Stamp

FLAT - Flatware/Silverware SVBD - Savings Bond FORE - Foreign Coin/Currency WEP - Guns/Knives/Weapons

JEWL - Jewelry WILL - Will
MISC - Miscellaneous Papers of No Value WTCH - Watch

MMDL - Military Medal

Do not remit firearms or hazardous material without going through the following steps:

1. Contact the State Treasurer's Office.

2. Contact local law enforcement authorities and explain the situation.

## Delivery of SDB Contents and Safekeeping Items

SDB contents or safekeeping items may not be delivered until the business receives direction, in writing, from the State Treasurer's Office to remit the contents.

The State Treasurer's Office will send letters of notification. When notification is received, all boxes or items are to be sent in their entirety.

Reporting businesses are responsible for ensuring the tangible property is delivered to the State Treasurer's Office. It is in the reporting business's best interest to have tangible property sent registered via USPS, courier or hand delivered so a confirmation of delivery may be obtained.

If contents reported by a financial institution are returned to the owner prior to receiving remitting instructions from the State Treasurer's Office, provide a copy of the signed release to <a href="mailto:UPReport@tos.iowa.gov">UPReport@tos.iowa.gov</a>.

#### **Delivery Address**

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