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## Example content:

The names "**John Doe**" for males, "**Jane Doe**" or "**Jane Roe**" for females, or "**Jonnie Doe**" and "**Janie Doe**" for children, or just "**Doe**" non-gender-specifically are used as placeholder names for a party whose true identity is unknown or must be withheld in a legal action, case, or discussion. The names are also used to refer to a corpse or hospital patient whose identity is unknown. This practice is widely used in the United States and Canada, but is rarely used in other English-speaking countries including the United Kingdom itself, from where the use of "John Doe" in a legal context originates. The names Joe Bloggs or John Smith are used in the UK instead, as well as in Australia and New Zealand.



John Doe is sometimes used to refer to a typical male in other contexts as well, in a similar manner to **John Q.**

Public, known in Great Britain as **Joe Public**, **John Smith** or **Joe Bloggs**. For example, the first name listed on a form is often John Doe, along with a fictional address or other fictional information to provide an example of how to fill in the form. The name is also used frequently in popular culture, for example in the Frank Capra film *Meet John Doe*. John Doe was also the name of a 2002 American television series.

Similarly, a child or baby whose identity is unknown may be referred to as **Baby Doe**. A notorious murder case in Kansas City, Missouri, referred to the baby victim as **Precious Doe**. Other unidentified female murder victims are Cali Doe and Princess Doe. Additional persons may be called James Doe, Judy Doe, etc. However, to avoid possible confusion, if two anonymous or unknown parties are cited in a specific case or action, the surnames Doe and Roe may be used

simultaneously; for example, "John Doe v. Jane Roe". If several anonymous parties are referenced, they may simply be labelled **John Doe #1**, **John Doe #2**, etc. (the U.S. Operation Delego cited 21 (numbered) "John Doe"s) or labelled with other variants of Doe / Roe / Poe / etc. Other early alternatives such as **John Stiles** and **Richard Miles** are now rarely used, and **Mary Major** has been used in some American federal cases.

The Doe names are also used for anonymous or unknown defendants.

Another set of names used for anonymous parties, particularly plaintiffs, are Richard Roe for men and Jane Roe for women (as in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court abortion decision *Roe v. Wade*).

- Bearing the actual name **John Doe** can cause difficulty, such as being stopped by airport security or suspected of being an incognito celebrity.
- The term is sometimes used in lawsuits in Ireland and the United States; see, for example *McKeogh v. John Doe and Uber Technologies, Inc. v. Doe I*.
- The term John Doe or Jane Doe is used in US police investigations when the victim(s) identity is unknown or incorrect.

# See also

- Tommy Atkins
- Luther Blissett
- Joe Bloggs
- Hong Gildong (character)
- Israel Israeli
- Average Joe
- Rudolf Lingens
- John Q. Public
- Alan Smithee
- Joe Shmoe
- Tom, Dick and Harry
- Blackacre
- Identity theft
- Meet John Doe
- Multiple-use name
- Nomen nescio
- Placeholder names



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