

Loss of Loved One Guide

The loss of a loved one can be difficult and overwhelming. There are many things that go into collecting the legal and financial paperwork required after a loved one has passed. To help, we have created a guide that includes some important documents that may be helpful during this time. Many companies have specific paperwork that will need to be processed. We are here to help you through this process.

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| | Death Certificates Request 20 to 25 copies of death certificates. Insurance, financial, government, and other agencies may need a copy. | | Other Certificates This may include birth and marriage certificates, divorce decrees, driver's licenses, and other legal documents. | | |
| | Will and/or Trust Find the decedent's original will or trust, if applicable. This important document may be in a safe deposit box or with an attorney. | | Insurance Policies Gather any information on insurance policies. | | |
| | Social Security Numbers Find the decedent's Social Security Number. | | Financial Documents Financial statements of IRAs, brokerage accounts, bank accounts, company-sponsored retirement plans, etc. | | |
| | Company Benefit Information Reach out to the decedent's employer for any information they may need from you or may be able to provide for you. | | Military Discharge Paperwork Collect the military discharge paperwork, if applicable. | | |



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| | Financial Institutions The contact information can be found on the statement for each financial institution. | | Insurance Companies These companies may include health, life, accidental death, auto, homeowners, and personal property, etc. | | | |
| | Credit Bureaus Send a death certificate to the major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, Innovis, and Transunion. • Equifax.com, 1.800.685.1111 • Experian.com, 1.888.397.3742 • Innovis.com, 1.800.540.2505 • Transunion.com, 1.888.909.8872 | | Dept./Bureau of Motor Vehicles Notify the DMV/BMV that the decedent has passed so their records and information can be removed and help protect against identity theft. | | | |
| | Social Security Administration 1.800.772.1213 www.ssa.gov | | Internal Revenue Services 1.800.829.1040 www.irs.gov | | | |
| | U.S. Postal Service If needed, submit a forward address for the decedent. | | | | | |
| Review/Transfer | | | | | | |
| | Utilities and Services Confirm all bills are changed to the individual responsible for paying them. These may include cellphone, utility, or internet. | | Memberships or Subscriptions Change or cancel any membership or subscriptions that may apply. | | | |
| | Social Media and Email Services Review each platforms policy regarding removing, memorializing, or transferring the account to a new owner. | | | | | |