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GONE. FAREWELL STUDIO

PRE PLANNING

Welcome.

If you are here, you are thinking ahead. That is one of the most considered things a person can do for the people they love.

Pre planning with Gone. is for those who want to shape their own farewell thoughtfully - and to ensure that when the time comes, the people around them are not left to navigate difficult decisions alone. Some people want to think carefully about the farewell itself. Others want to ensure that practical decisions, documents and instructions are clear and in place long before they are needed. Many want both.

Gone. guides the process from beginning to end. The result is the Pre Planning Index - a structured document that ensures the right people have the right information when they need it most.

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HOW PRE PLANNING WORKS

PRE PLANNING IS COMPLETED THROUGH ONE OR SEVERAL GUIDED SESSIONS

Pre planning is not about locking in every detail, or making decisions before you are ready. It is not about freezing things in time. At Gone., pre planning is about documenting what matters, clarifying what doesn't, and creating a framework that can be interpreted thoughtfully when the moment arrives.

We guide the process through one or several conversations, paced entirely according to your circumstances and capacity. Some people move through the work quickly. Others prefer a more gradual approach. There is no right way, and no pressure to move at any pace other than your own.

Everything gathered through these conversations is organised into the Pre Planning Index - a clear, structured document that ensures the right people have the right information when they need it most. A draft is shared for review before the final document is issued. The Index is provided digitally and can also be supplied as a printed copy if preferred.

Many people describe the process as a relief - not because it removes uncertainty, but because it creates clarity, and because the people they love will not be left to figure things out alone.

THREE PATHWAYS

PRE PLANNING WITH GONE, CAN FOCUS ON THE FAREWELL ITSELF, THE PRACTICAL PREPARATIONS THAT SIT AROUND DEATH, OR BOTH. WE GUIDE YOU THROUGH WHICHEVER PATHWAY FEELS RIGHT - AT A PACE THAT SUITS YOU

I.

FAREWELL PLANNING

For those who want to shape the experience of their own farewell in advance. This may include the tone and structure of the ceremony, location ideas, music, speakers, cultural or spiritual elements, and the personal details that would make it feel true to who you are. Some people also choose to record reflections, messages or material that may form part of a future tribute. This pathway focuses on the farewell itself rather than legal or administrative preparation.

2.

PRACTICAL PREPARATION

For those who want clarity around documents, decisions and instructions - so that the people around them are not left to piece things together at the worst possible moment. This work includes identifying key decision makers, confirming the location of important documents, outlining medical preferences, noting digital accounts, and organising the information others would need to act clearly and confidently.

3.

COMPLETE PRE PLANNING

For those who want to address both the farewell and the practical preparations together. This pathway combines ceremony planning with the organisation of documents and instructions - so that the farewell itself and the decisions surrounding it are considered, aligned and clearly documented in one place.

Gone. also supports living farewells - gatherings held while the person is still alive - and can assist those considering voluntary assisted dying to ensure their intentions are clearly documented. Both are outlined later in this guide.



THE PRE PLANNING INDEX

ALL PRE PLANNING WORK WITH GONE. RESULTS IN THE CREATION OF A PRE PLANNING INDEX

The Index is a structured reference document designed to ensure that the right people have access to the right information when they need it most. It is not a legal document and does not replace formal legal or medical instructions - rather, it acts as a clear and considered guide that sits alongside those documents, written in plain language so that it remains useful regardless of when or how it is needed. The Pre Planning Index becomes a deeply personal reference document - part practical guide, part portrait of a life.

A draft is shared with you for review before the final document is issued. The Index is provided digitally, and can also be supplied as a printed copy if preferred. It belongs entirely to you - to share with whoever you choose, and to update whenever circumstances change.

Typical sections include key people and decision makers, the location of important legal documents, medical preferences and advance care directives, digital life and online accounts, farewell intentions, legacy materials such as letters or recordings, and any additional notes that might help the people around you understand not just the instructions, but the person behind them.



LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS

Pre planning sometimes brings to light the need for formal legal or professional advice. Where this arises, Gone. can recommend trusted independent partners for matters such as wills, powers of attorney and estate planning - and can help coordinate those relationships on your behalf.

Clients are always free to engage their own advisors, and Gone. works comfortably alongside whoever is already in place. We do not provide legal advice and do not prepare legal documents, but we ensure that whatever professional support is needed sits clearly within the broader pre planning process.

LIVING FAREWELLS

Some people choose to create a gathering or celebration of life while they are still alive - a way of bringing together the people who matter most, and of being present for that moment themselves. These experiences can stand alone or sit alongside more traditional pre planning.

Gone. can shape and produce these gatherings with the same care and intention as everything else we do. They can be intimate or expansive, deeply personal or quietly simple - and they can stand alone or sit alongside the pre planning process as a whole.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

In states where voluntary assisted dying is legal, some people wish to consider how their farewell or practical preparations relate to this decision.

Gone. does not provide medical advice, but we can ensure that any relevant intentions and instructions are clearly reflected in the Pre Planning Index - so that the people around you have the clarity they need when the time comes.

HOW INFORMATION IS STORED

The Pre Planning Index is provided directly to you. We encourage you to store it alongside other important records and to share it with the people who would need to access it if something happens. All information shared with Gone. during the pre planning process is treated with complete confidentiality and handled with care.

DURABILITY

The Index is designed to be durable. It can be understood and acted upon by family members, executors or professionals - regardless of future circumstances - including if Gone. is no longer operating or if the person who prepared the document is unavailable. Because it is written in plain language and stands entirely on its own, it does not depend on any specific service provider to remain useful.

REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Circumstances change, and the Index can change with them. Review sessions can be arranged at any time to update decisions, contacts or documents - or you can make updates yourself. There is no obligation to maintain an ongoing relationship with Gone. for the document to continue serving its purpose. Once the work is done, it belongs to you entirely.

PROFESSIONAL FEES

PRE PLANNING FEES ARE SHAPED BY THE
PATHWAY CHOSEN AND THE SCOPE OF THE
WORK INVOLVED

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FAREWELL PLANNING

from \$2,000

2.

PRACTICAL PREPARATION

from \$3,000

3.

COMPLETE PRE PLANNING

from \$4,500

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Fees are confirmed before any work begins and will never exceed what has been agreed. The investment in pre planning is, above all, an investment in clarity - for you, and for the people you love.

NEXT STEPS

If you are considering pre planning, the first step is a short introductory conversation. This allows us to understand what you would like to address and whether pre planning feels right at this time. From there we can recommend the most appropriate pathway and outline the process in more detail. Please email the studio or contact us via the website:

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There is no obligation, and no pressure to move quickly, unless you'd like to.

THANK YOU

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