

After Death Checklist

- Obtain a legal declaration of death
- Notify family & friends of the death
- Explore existing funeral, burial, or cremation instructions and/or make arrangements
- Get several death certificates, approximately 10
- Secure all assets (house, vehicle, valuables, etc.)
- Provide care for dependents and pets
- Collect mail and have mail forwarded
- Notify employer of death
- If there is a Will, locate the original
- Verify asset information (see Probate Organizer)
- Confirm debt information (see Probate Organizer)
- If there is a Will, obtain addresses for all beneficiaries named in the Will
- Obtain names and addresses for all heirs (spouse and/or blood relatives)
- Cancel driver's license, subscriptions, memberships, and other services no longer needed
- Notify social security, veterans affairs, life insurance companies, financial institutions, credit agencies, credit card companies, home/auto insurance companies, etc. of death
- Close social media
- Determine the estate administration process and whether probate is necessary

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