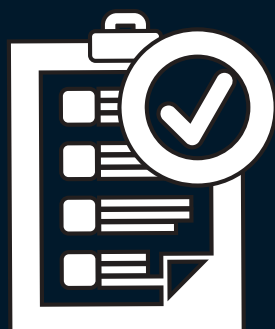


How to secure your digital afterlife

5 WAYS TO SECURE YOUR DIGITAL AFTERLIFE



1.) INVENTORY AND PROTECT YOUR ACCOUNTS

Review **all** of your digital accounts, delete unnecessary or unused accounts, and ensure that your accounts all have secure passwords and use two-factor authentication when possible [1]. You don't want hackers haunting you in your afterlife!

2.) SHARE ACCOUNT INFORMATION SECURELY

Where possible, appoint a trusted contact in online platforms and password managers [2]. Make sure your account information is stored in a secure location like an encrypted digital file or physical lock box



3.) CLARIFY WHAT YOU WANT DONE WITH YOUR ACCOUNTS

Make sure to clearly state accounts that require posthumous action, such as deletion and account changes. Common account types requiring action include financial, utilities, and online services.

4.) REQUEST YOUR EXECUTOR TO REPORT YOUR DEATH PROMPTLY

Unfortunately, posthumous identity theft is not uncommon. To avoid this threat, ask your executor or other trusted party to ensure your death is reported promptly to Social Security Administration and credit bureaus [3].



5.) APPOINT A 'CLEANER' FOR YOUR SENSITIVE DATA

You can find many stories online about 'surprises' people found after their loved ones passed away. If you have photos, message, documents, and other data that you do not want people seeing, you may want to consider appointing a 'cleaner' to delete data after your death [4].

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