

Next Steps After a Death Occurs



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Notify Attorney + Register of Wills:

- Regarding the transfer of real estate titles
- If a will must be probated
- If your will needs to be revised
- About a living will or trust

Notify Insurance Company(ies) and File Claims:

- Life insurance
- Medical, health, disability, travel, and accident
- Retirement benefits and annuities
- Homeowners
- Car insurance
- Change survivor's beneficiary

Apply for Appropriate Benefits:

- Social Security benefits
- Veterans burial and survivors benefits, (800) 827-1000
- Pension benefits
- Workman's Compensation Benefits
- Civil Service
- Railroad Retirement

Notify Bank:

- Change all jointly held accounts
- Re-establish safe deposit box(es)
- Re-establish all outstanding mortgages, personal notes, etc.

Apply for Credit Life Insurance Which May Exist On:

- Loans
- Credit cards
- Mortgages, notes, etc.

Phone Numbers:

Register of Wills:

New Castle County	(302) 395-7800
Kent County	(302) 744-2330
Sussex County	(302) 855-7876

Social Security Offices:

Toll Free Number	(800) 772-1213
New Castle, DE	(866) 667-7221
Dover, DE	(877) 701-2141
Lewes, DE	(866) 864-1803
Elkton, MD	(866) 331-2218

Veteran's Administration:

Toll Free	(800) 827-1000
Delaware	(302) 739-8331

Delaware DMV:

Wilmington	(302) 434-3200
Delaware City	(302) 739-8331
Dover	(302) 744-2500
Georgetown	(302) 853-1000

New Castle | 1000 N. DuPont Highway | New Castle, Delaware 19720 | Phone: (302) 328-2213

Newark | 121 W. Park Place | Newark, Delaware 19711 | Phone: (302) 368-9500

Delaware City | 214 Clinton Street | Delaware City, Delaware 19706 | Phone: (302) 834-4524

Middletown | 275 E. Main Street | Middletown, Delaware 19709 | Phone: (302) 378-0300

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Notify All Credit Card Companies:

- Apply for credit card life insurance (if applicable)
- Cancel all individually held credit card accounts of the deceased
- Change all jointly held accounts

Notify Stockbroker or Financial Consultant to Change Ownership of:

- Jointly held stocks or stocks owned solely by the deceased
- IRA
- Bonds
- Mutual Funds
- Other Funds

Notify other Financial or Benefits Professionals:

- Notify accountant regarding tax Preparedness/concerns
- Notify Human Resources office of the deceased's current or former employer regarding pension, 401(k) or other benefits available

Notify Department of Motor Vehicles:

- Cancel the deceased's driver's license
- Transfer titles of all registered vehicles, mobile homes, boats, motor homes, motorcycles, etc. that are in the deceased's name

Notify Credit Reporting Agencies:

- Experian, 888-397-3742
- Equifax, 800-525-6285
- TransUnion, 800-680-7289

Notify Social Media Sites:

- For assistance with deactivating, memorializing or preserving social media accounts and online memories, contact GoodTrust online at MyGoodTrust.com
- Contact the appropriate site with the death certificate to confirm
- Choose whether to delete, memorialize or leave the deceased social media profiles

Other:

- Cancel the deceased's voter's registration
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