



25 Documents You Need Before You Die

Checklist

MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

- Marriage license
- Divorce papers

HEALTHCARE

- Personal & family medical history
- Healthcare power of attorney
- Authorization to release information
- Living will
- DNR Order

OWNERSHIP

- Housing, land, cemetery deeds
- Escrow mortgage accounts
- Proof of loans made & debts owed
- Vehicle titles
- Tax returns
- Partnership & corporate operating agreements
- Stock certificates, savings bonds, & brokerage accounts

LIFE INSURANCE & RETIREMENT

- Life insurance policy
- Individual retirement accounts
- 401(k) account information
- Pension documents
- Annuity contracts

BANK ACCOUNTS

- List of all bank accounts
- List of all safe-deposit boxes
- List of all usernames and passwords to access the accounts

ESSENTIALS

- Will
- Letter of instruction
- Trust documents