

Death in the Digital Age Resource Sheet

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Tips:

- Create a Digital Checklist of all your online accounts.
- Appoint a Digital Executor
- Keep a file or password manager with account numbers, logins, passwords, and phone numbers.
- Remember to list passwords and logins to cell phone and email so contacts can be accessed.
- Use a password manager software. Examples: 1Passowrd or LastPass, Entrust, LegacyLocker, DataInherit, Everplans- family members given access will only need to remember one “master password” to access all information stored there.
- Record Emergency Info that might be needed. Examples:
 - Instructions in case of death- burial or living-will wishes
 - Important logins or security codes that aren’t website logins- computer password, phone PIN, safe code, etc.
 - Important contacts- who to contact at workplace, lawyer, accountant, will executor, insurance agents.
 - Locations of valuables and critical papers- wills, passports, social security cards, birth certificates, other legal documents.
 - Recurring bills and details- what bills, when due, how paid.
 - Financial account details- retirement and investment accounts, insurance policies, bank accounts, credit cards.

- Set up “Inactive Account Manager” on Google accounts- you can instruct google to either delete your data or share your google accounts with someone you trust after a period of inactivity.
- List designated loved one as a “legacy contact” with your cell servicer.
- Remember to tell and teach your loved ones how to make use of what you’ve set up for them. (file, password manager, etc.)
- Share or download and save photos you would like loved ones to have access to.