

The 25 Documents You Need Before You Die

**Design Your Death Dossier Soon--or You could Be
Setting Up Your Heirs for Frustration and Financial Pain**

- Marriage License
- Divorce Papers

- Personal and family medical history
- Durable health-care power of attorney
- Authorization to release health-care information
- Living will
- Do-not-resuscitate order

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



- Life-insurance policies
- Individual retirement accounts
- 401 (k) accounts
- Pension documents
- Annuity contracts

- List of bank accounts
- List of all user names and passwords
- List of safe-deposit boxes

- Will
- Letter of instruction
- Trust documents



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