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Taking time to organize your financial papers and records may be the best investment you ever make. It is important for all members of the family to know where records or papers are kept and who to turn to for advice in case of an emergency. Planning ahead by completing these forms can save much time and money if emergencies or deaths occur.

Use these forms to make a family record book. Insert the forms in a loose-leaf notebook; extra pages can be added as needed. Keep a copy of completed forms in your safe deposit box at the bank or at another safe place away from the home. Revise as needed to keep information up-todate.


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Financial Advisors

| Name |  | Address |
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| Accountant |  | Phone Number |
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| Attorney |  |  |
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| Banker(s) |  |  |
| Benefits Officer |  |  |
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| Executor of Wills |  |  |
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| Financial Planner |  |  |
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| Insurance Agent |  |  |
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| Tax Preparer/Advisor |  |  |
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Family Record

| Name | Date of Birth | Place of Birth <br> (where recorded) | Social Security <br> Number |
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## Employment Information

Name of employee $\qquad$
Employer's name $\qquad$
Employer's address $\qquad$
Date employment began with this employer $\qquad$
Name of immediate supervisor $\qquad$
Type of benefits \& insurance $\qquad$
Benefits office contact \& phone number $\qquad$

Name of employee
Employer's name $\qquad$
Employer's address $\qquad$
Date employment began with this employer $\qquad$
Name of immediate supervisor $\qquad$
Type of benefits \& insurance $\qquad$
Benefits office contact \& phone number $\qquad$

## Business Information

Name of business $\qquad$
Business location $\qquad$
Employer identification no.
Sole proprietorship $\qquad$ Partnership $\qquad$ Corporation $\qquad$
If you own your own business:
Business partners/owners/telephone numbers $\qquad$
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Partnership agreement? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ Filed $\qquad$ Partnership insurance? Yes $\qquad$ No $\qquad$ Filed $\qquad$
Copies of contracts and policies are located $\qquad$
Accountant's name $\qquad$
Address $\qquad$
Attorney's name $\qquad$
Address $\qquad$
Instructions for supervision or sale of business are in $\qquad$ If a corporation, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are in

## Where Important Papers Are Kept

| Record | Where Kept |
| :--- | :--- |
| Abstract of title to real estate |  |
| Automobile title \& bill of sale |  |
| Automobile registration |  |
| Other vehicle titles |  |
| Birth certificates, adoption papers |  |
| Business records |  |
| Canceled checks |  |
| Church (baptismal or confirmation papers) |  |
| Citizenship papers |  |
| Contract papers |  |
| Death certificates |  |
| Deed to cemetery lot |  |
| Deeds to property |  |
| Directive to Physicians (Living Will) |  |
| Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care |  |
| Sinancial statement (net worth, etc.) |  |
| Guarantees and warranties |  |
| Inver instrostant reartion |  |
| Income records |  |

## Where Important Papers Are Kept (continued)

| Record | Where Kept |
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| Loan contracts |  |
| Marriage records, divorce decrees |  |
| Military service records |  |
| Mortgage papers |  |
| Passports |  |
| Pension plan records |  |
| Power of Attorney for business/personal affairs |  |
| Property records |  |
| Savings account records |  |
| Social Security, employment records |  |
| Stock and bond certificates |  |
| Tax records (income, property, inheritances, |  |
| estate) |  |
| Wills (of each family member) |  |
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## Safe Deposit Box

Location of safe deposit box: $\qquad$
Box number:
Persons having access:
Location of keys:
Contents of box: (date ___) $\qquad$
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## Credit \& Debit Cards

| Company | Account in <br> Name of | Address \& Phone Number <br> to Notify in Case of Loss | Account <br> Number | Number of Cards/ <br> Names of <br> Cardholders | Expiration <br> Date |
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Loans \& Mortgages Outstanding

| Person or Company Owed | Address | Amount | Payment | Due Date of <br> Final Payment |
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Money Owed to the Family

| Person Owing Family | Address | Amount | Date Due | How \& When <br> Payable |
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Checking and Money Market Accounts

| In Whose Name(s) | Name \& Address of Financial Institution | Account Number |
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Savings Accounts \& Certificates of Deposit (CD)
(Banks-Savings \& Loan-Credit Union)

| In Whose Name(s) | Type of <br> Account | Name \& Address of <br> Financial Institution | Account Number | If CD, <br> Maturity Date |
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## Investments

STOCKS

| Company | Serial Number | Date <br> Purchased | Number <br> of Shares | Cost per <br> Share | In Whose Name(s) |
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BONDS

| Name of Issuing <br> Company/Entity | Serial Number | Date <br> Purchased | Purchase <br> Price | Maturity <br> Date | Face Value | In Whose Name(s) |
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| Name of Issuing Entity | Serial Number | Purchase Price | Maturity Date | In Whose Name(s) \& Beneficiary |
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## PENSION \& RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

(Pension plans, IRAs, 401K, 403b, tax deferred annuities, etc.)

| Company/Representative | Address | Phone <br> Number | Beneficiary | Type of <br> Account |
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MUTUAL FUNDS
(Remember to save annual transaction summaries from the company)

| Company/Fund Name/ <br> Address | Phone <br> Number | Account <br> Number | Date <br> Purchased | Number of <br> Shares | Cost per <br> share | In Whose Name(s) <br> \& Beneficiary |
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Life Insurance

| Company \& Address <br> of Agent | Name of <br> Insured | Policy <br> Number | Beneficiary | Type of Policy <br> \& Amount <br> of Coverage | Premium |  | Date <br> Payable |
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Health, Accident, Disability, Hospitalization, \& Long Term Care Insurance

| Company, Address, \& Phone of Agent | Name of Insured | Policy Number | Beneficiary | Type of Coverage | Premium |  | Benefits \& Other Information (e.g., primary care physician) |
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Real Estate \& Personal Property Insurance

| Company \& Address of Agent | Property Insured (home, auto, furnishings) | Type of Insurance | Amount of Coverage \& Deductible | Premium |  |
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## Real Estate

Personal property (description):
Business property (description): $\qquad$

| Owner(s) \& Type of Ownership | Location | Purchase |  | Amount of Original Mortgage | Mortgage Holder Address | Monthly Payment (principal \& interest) | Escrow <br> Amount | Due Date | Length of Mortgage |
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Description of major improvements:
Date
Cost


Proof of purchase price and receipted bills for improvement are located
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## Household Inventory

A household inventory is helpful in determining how much insurance coverage is needed. It also furnishes a record on which to base claims if losses occur. List your household goods, room by room, including anything on the walls and in the closets, items in the garage, and personal jewelry. Record the date or year of purchase and cost of each item when purchased. Estimate if exact figures are unknown. Record current market value and the date. This value is the amount you could get if you sold the item now.

| Item | Date or Year Purchased | Cost | Current Market Value |  |  |
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(Additional sheets may be added as needed.)

## Household Inventory (continued)

| Item | Date or Year Purchased | Cost | Current Market Value |  |  |
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Note: You may wish to add a photographic or video inventory to this section to further document your household possessions. Keep a copy of your inventory, negatives and/or video in a safe deposit box to prevent it from being destroyed in a fire or other disaster.

## Smoothing the Way: Guidelines for My Survivors

My name is $\qquad$
When I die, please contact $\qquad$
$\qquad$

My important papers are located at $\qquad$
INFORMATION FOR DEATH CERTIFICATE \& FILING FOR BENEFITS:
My address $\qquad$
street address

$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Father's full name and birthplace $\qquad$
Mother's maiden name and birthplace $\qquad$

## PLEASE NOTE: AFTER DEATH, I PREFER:

To donate these organs $\qquad$ _; autopsy, if doctor or family request $\qquad$
Simple arrangements:no embalmingno public viewing the least expensive burial or cremation container $\qquad$ immediate disposition

That my body be:donated; arrangements made on $\qquad$ with date medical schoolcremated and the ashesscattered or $\qquad$ buried in $\qquad$
location of cemetery plot
or disposed of as follows $\qquad$buried $\qquad$ location

The following services: $\square$ memorial (after disposition) $\square$ funeral (before disposition) graveside to be held atmy churchmortuaryother

Memorial gifts to $\qquad$
omit flowers $\qquad$
I have made pre-arrangements with $\qquad$ name of mortuary

Religious preferences $\qquad$
Signature Date $\qquad$

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