

Collecting Vital Information

This checklist will help you and/or your parents start organizing important information which should be collected and kept in a safe and convenient place. On completing the items in this checklist, copies of the checklist should be given to the people who will be involved in settling the estate (i.e.: executor, financial planner and attorney).

General	
Name	Accountant
Social Security Number	Stockbroker
Important names and phone numbers	Financial planner
Clergyman	Insurance Agent
Attorney	Relatives, close friends
Account number & locations (ie: home	e safe deposit box, bank) of key documents
Estate	Insurance
Wills, letters of instruction for self	Life group
and spouse	Life-individual
Powers of attorney	Other death benefits
Special beguests	Property & Casualty
Burial instructions	Liability
Cemetery plot deeds	Health
Financial	Dental
Pension	Homeowners
Employment contracts	Automobile
Partnership Agreements	Other
Checking accounts	
Savings accounts	
Bank accounts	
Canceled checks	Personal and family
Credit cards and numbers	Trust agreements
CDs	Birth certificates
Checkbooks	Naturalization papers
Savings passbooks	Adoption papers
Investment Securities list	Marriage certificate
Brokerage accounts	Divorce/separation records
Stock certificates	Military records
Mutual fund shares	Organizational memberships
Bonds	Safe combination: home
Savings bonds	Safe combination: business
Individual retirement accounts	List of valuable possessions
Keogh plan	Auto ownership title
401-k information	Boat ownership
Annuity contracts	Social security cards
Stock option plan	Drivers license numbers
Real Estate	Other
Title insurance	
Rental property information	
Mortgages	
Deeds	
Other	