25 Documents You Need to Put in One Place*

The Essentials

- Will
- Letter of Instruction
- Trust Documents

Marriage and Divorce

- Marriage License
- Divorce Papers

Health Care Confidential

- Personals and Family Medical History
- Durable Health-Care Power of Attorney
- Authorization to Release Health Care Information
- Living Will
- Do-Not-resuscitate Order

Proof of Ownership

- 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 and Retirement

- Life Insurance Policies
- Individual Retirement Accounts
- 401(k), 403(b) Accounts
- Pension Documents
- Annuity Contracts

Bank Accounts

- List of Bank Accounts
- List of All User Names and Passwords
- List of Safe-Deposit Boxes

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