

## Get organized, for yourself and your loved ones

Maintaining important documents and sharing key information will provide peace of mind should anything unexpected occur. Be sure to periodically walk a spouse, partner, adult child or trusted friend or advisor through legal and financial records, PIN numbers, passwords and other personal information. Complete the tasks below to get started.

To-do	Task	Completed
File and protect important documents	Designate a binder to hold all bills and paper statements.  Keep legal documents, tax information and permanent records in a fire-safe box in your home, or in a safety deposit box.	
Go paperless	Register for online accounts to reduce paper and provide consolidated sources of information.	
Automate whenever possible	Sign up for automatic deposits, including paychecks, Social Security and tax refunds.	
Catalog accounts and key documents	Keep track of what's in your safety deposit box, and share it with trusted family members or friends.  Include a list of account numbers, descriptions, passwords and PINs in your safe or safety deposit box.	
Maintain current estate plans	Make sure your will or trust is current.  Update retirement accounts to reflect correct beneficiary information.	
Plan ahead	Designate a power of attorney and consider a living will or health care directive.  Write down contact information for your attorney, financial advisor and accountant and share this information with your heirs.  Provide your most trusted loved ones and/or advisor with the combination to your home safe or access to a safety deposit box.	

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