



Checklist for whom to Notify After Loss

Social Security

The funeral director will notify Social Security. Once you get the Death Certificates it is always a good idea to follow up.

- Social Security will notify Medicare
- Any direct deposits or payments will stop
- You must return any payment the month your loved one died

Department of Motor Vehicles

- Cancel driver's license or identification card
- Transfer any vehicle titles e.g. car, boat, motorcycle, etc...

Income Tax

- You must file income taxes reporting the income up until the death of your loved one.

Passport

- Return any passports to the Department of State for cancellation. This helps deter identity theft.
- If you want it returned, DOS will return it to you otherwise it will be destroyed.

State Social Services Benefits

- SNAP (food stamps)
- TANF (welfare)
- Rental Assistance
- Medicaid

Voter Registration

- Contact the local election office to cancel voter registration
- Cancelling voter registration helps prevent voter fraud

Veteran's Benefits

- If your loved one was a veteran, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs or VA to cancel any of these benefits:
- Compensation
- Pension
- Education
- Health

You can also ask about

- Death benefits and survivor benefits
- Burial benefits
- Veteran's life insurance

**Financial institutions and other monthly obligations**

- Contact any of the following for cancelling:
- Banks
- Credit card companies
- Credit Bureaus
- Life insurance companies
- Utilities
- Cell phones
- Any subscriptions or memberships your loved one may have had
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission to find out about any debts your loved one may have had and what to do about it. <https://consumer.ftc.gov>
- Cancel any mail

Finalize anything with the estate

- If you need to go to probate it can be a lengthy process, be aware of this. It is best to get it started as soon as you get the death certificates unless you can begin sooner. In the state of Florida, you would file through the circuit court of the county of where your loved one lived or if they are from out of state, from the county they had property in.