

Digital Organization LEGACY & INACTIVE CONTACTS



THE MOST IMPORTANT SETTING ON YOUR PHONE MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

Apple estimates that just over 10% of iPhone and iPad users have a Legacy contact established. Why is that important? If something were to happen to you unexpectedly, your family, executor or personal representative might need a court order to access your photos, emails and more. The same is true for Androids, called an Inactive Contact. Both Google and Apple are staunch advocates to protect your privacy, but sometimes unintended consequences arise for loved ones.

APPLE: HOW TO SET A LEGACY CONTACT

Apple's Legacy Contact is a feature allowing you to designate a trusted person to access your Apple ID data in the event of your death. This includes photos, messages, notes, files, contacts, calendar events, and more. It doesn't include licensed media, subscriptions, or Keychain passwords.

1. Open Settings on your iPhone
2. Tap your name at the top
3. Select Password & Security
4. Tap Legacy Contact
5. Choose Add Legacy Contact
6. Follow the prompts to select a contact and share an access key with them.

 **TIP:** Be sure to let your legacy contact know you are appointing them. They get a code they must keep.



SET UP A MEDICAL ID, TOO!

A Medical ID on your smartphone provides information about you to first responders in the event of an emergency, like allergies, medical conditions, and your emergency contacts.



ANDROID / GOOGLE: HOW TO SET INACTIVE CONTACT

Determine access by file type (email, photos, etc.) for up to 10 contacts to access your Google-related accounts.

1. Sign in to your Google account
2. Click on your profile picture in the top-right corner of the screen
3. Click on "Manage your Google Account"
4. Click on "Data & privacy" from the menu
5. Scroll down (quite far) to "More options"
6. Click "Make a plan for your digital legacy"
7. Click on "Start" under "Inactive Account Manager"
8. Follow the prompts to choose your legacy contact and set your preferences



TIP: Google only makes the files available for download for three months for Inactive/Legacy contacts, then deletes them.



A GUIDING LIGHT WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

Home Watch Madison is a concierge service for families experiencing a loss and experts at legacy organization. Contact us for a complimentary consultation.