



Top 10 things to do FIRST upon **incapacity of a loved one**

- **Oversee** their care as well as that of their dependents and their pets
- **Secure** all property (including real estate, vehicles, and valuable tangible personal property)
- **Notify** the law firm that prepared their estate planning documents.
- **Determine** the status of their long-term care plan
- **Obtain** any required documentation of incapacity from their physician(s)
- **Notify** all financial institutions (banks, brokers, financial advisors, and insurance agents, etc.)
- **Assume responsibility** for day-to-day financial matters using the appropriate legal authority (e.g., Power of Attorney)
- **Keep** diligent records of all financial transactions
- **Apply** for benefits for which they may be eligible
- **NEVER** personally assume liability for their debts. When acting under a Power of Attorney, sign in your representative capacity.



Top 10 things to do FIRST upon **death of a loved one**

Immediately after death:

- ☐ **Review** anatomical gift instructions, if any
- ☐ **Notify** a funeral director and, if applicable, clergy
- ☐ **Notify** relatives, close friends, business colleagues, and the employer, if applicable
- ☐ **Arrange** for the care of any dependents or pets
- ☐ **Secure** the residence, if appropriate

Shortly after death:

- ☐ **Obtain** multiple certified copies of the death certificate
- ☐ **Contact** the law firm that prepared their estate planning documents
- ☐ **Review** estate planning documents and other important papers
- ☐ **Locate** and inventory assets
- ☐ **Notify** insurance companies, banks, Social Security, Medicare, and financial and tax advisors