



At or After Death Checklist

Checklist of items for the attention of next of kin. Some or all of these tasks will need to be done at time of death. We recommend that this checklist be included with the other papers mentioned in Information to Assemble Before Death.

TASKS	CHECK WHEN COMPLETED
1. Consult written directions for funeral arrangements and disposition	
2. Notify medical school, California Transplant Bank, or similar organization if arrangements have been made for donation of tissue, organs, or body	
3. Notify the funeral director named on the Planning Form. Ask for enough copies of the death certificate for life insurance policies and similar needs	
4. Decide on time and place of funeral ceremony or memorial service, if any, in consultation with clergyman, reader, or other appropriate persons. Notify musicians, pall bearers, or others who may participate in the ceremony	
5. List and notify immediate family, close friends, employer, and union. Notify lawyer, accountant, and executor or administrator of the estate	
6. Decide whether memorial gifts are to replace flowers. If so, include notice in 7.	
7. Prepare newspaper notice if desired. The paper is likely to want full name, age, place of birth and death, occupation, degrees, memberships, military service, outstanding work, survivors in immediate family, time, and place of services, if any. The Funeral Consumers Association requests that the following sentence be included if acceptable: "Funeral arrangements are in charge of (name of funeral director) through membership in the Bay Area Funeral Consumers Association."	



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8. List distant persons to notify and arrange for letter or printed notice	
9. Keep list of calls, flowers, notes, and arrange for acknowledgement	
10. Make needed household arrangements, such as for childcare or hospitality for visiting relatives	
11. Notify all life insurance companies affected, Social Security Office and Veterans' Administration if eligible for benefits. (The funeral director may assist in this)	
12. Check for other death benefits, as from group insurance policies, credit union accounts, pensions, union benefits, etc.	
13. Notify credit card companies, book clubs, and stores where deceased had charge accounts. Cancel magazine subscriptions	
14. Check for all installment payments coming due on merchandise, loans, or mortgages. Some may be covered by credit life insurance	
15. Notify Post Office of forwarding address to relative or executor	
16. Notify lodges, fraternities, and other organizations of which the deceased was a member, and the schools and church that he attended. Also notify banks, credit unions or stockbrokers where deceased had accounts	