

# After a loved one dies: the first 30 days

We are so sorry for your loss. You do not have to do everything at once. These steps protect the estate and your family while you grieve, and we are here to help with each one.

- ☐ **Order several certified copies of the death certificate** — banks, insurers, and the court will each ask for one
- ☐ **Find the original will** — whoever has it must deposit it with the clerk of court within 10 days of learning of the death
- ☐ **Secure the home, vehicles, and valuables** — and keep insurance in place
- ☐ **Gather recent statements, deeds, insurance policies, and bills**
- ☐ **Hold off on paying debts from your own funds or giving away property**
- ☐ **Talk with a probate attorney** — about which path the estate will need

Florida law: Fla. Stat. § 732.901 (deposit of will with the clerk).

## NOTES & IMPORTANT DATES

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