

Find these before you need them

The worst time to hunt for a document is in a crisis. Tick each one off and note where it's kept.

LEGAL

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| ☐ Financial power of attorney | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Healthcare power of attorney / proxy | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Advance directive / living will (and DNR or POLST, if any) | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Will or trust | Where it's kept
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| ☐ HIPAA authorization (lets doctors talk to you) | Where it's kept
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HEALTH & INSURANCE

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| ☐ Medicare card, plus supplement / Part D / Advantage cards | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Other coverage: Medicaid, VA, long-term care policy | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Current medication list, with doses | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Doctors and specialists, with phone numbers | Where it's kept
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MONEY & HOME

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| ☐ Bank accounts, and how the bills get paid | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Social Security and pension details | Where it's kept
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| ☐ Deeds, car titles, and where the spare keys are | Where it's kept
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Other documents

Outside the US? Look for the local equivalents, such as an enduring power of attorney and your provincial or national health card.