

Digital Assets & Digital Legacy

Have you every considered what will happen to your digital assets when you are no longer around? Most of us have not talked to our family members about this and if not prepared, it could lead to a difficult situation for our loved ones.

By implementing some **Best Practices**, you could ensure that your digital assets are properly organized, secured, and accessible to the right people when the time comes.

Remember, this is an ongoing process and **it's essential to review and update your plan regularly** to reflect changes in your life and technology.

What are Digital Assets & What is a Digital Legacy?

Digital Assets are electronic records that represent memories, money and records in digital format instead of paper.

- Social Media & Dating Apps
- Email & Cloud Accounts
- Blogs or Web Domains
- Forums & Chat room history
- Online Gaming Accounts
- Crypto Assets
- Family Tree Historian Accounts
- Pinterest/Scrapbooking/Photo Account
- Online Banking Accounts
- Digital accounts associated with managing our household (i.e., heat, hydro)
- Loyalty or Rewards Points
- E-Books or Audiobooks

Digital Legacy refers to digital information that will still be available online following someone' death.

- Dating profile
- Facebook profile
- Online Crypto/Bank Accounts

Best Practices to Follow

- ❖ Think about your own digital accounts. What is **Important & Sentimental** to you, that you would like to keep?
- ❖ Consider what your family **may or may not lose access to**
- ❖ **Action** - Start talking to your family about your wishes
- ❖ **Action** – Share important digital assets via Legacy Settings if possible
- ❖ **Action** – Make a list of all your Digital Assets/Accounts/Apps

Popular Online Account Examples:

Email Accounts

- **Sharing Passwords is generally not allowed on online accounts, and its important to check the terms of service for your specific account
- It is recommended to explore options provided by your service provider
- For Example., Google has a pre-planning option called Google's Inactive Account Manager, which can set up Trusted Contacts in the event your account goes in active
- It is important to inform the person you choose to let them know they are your Legacy Contact

Google Inactive Account Manager

- Choose what data your Trusted Contacts get access to and when the account triggers for inactivity
- Set up a mobile number to receive a text warning or alternative email address to receive an email before it is deemed inactive
- Choose up to 10 people to notify as a Trusted Contact if your Google account becomes inactive
- You can also set up an Autoreply to inform anyone that you are no longer using the account
- Decide if your inactive account should be deleted

[About Inactive Account Manager - Google Account Help](#)

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3036546?hl=en&sjid=12869630865447224096-NC#>

Facebook

- A Legacy Contact person can also be set up through Facebook
- There is also an option for Permanent Deletion or Memorialization of your Facebook page. This is a nice feature if you have lots of memories stored in the account

Facebook Legacy Contact

- From your main profile page, click you profile photo in the top right of Facebook
- Select Settings & Privacy then click 'Settings'
- Below General Profile Settings, click 'Memorialization Settings'
- Type in a friend's name in 'Choose a Friend', click 'Add', click 'Send' (they must have a Facebook Account before doing this step)
- It is important to inform the person you choose to let them know they are your Legacy Contact

[Legacy Contacts | Facebook Help Center](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/help/991335594313139>

Facebook Account Memorialization

- To set up an Account for Memorialization you need to set up a Legacy Contact first, see above
- The Legacy Contact can accept friend requests on behalf of a memorialized profile
 - They can change the Cover Photo and Profile Picture

- They cannot read past messages, make new friend requests, change privacy settings or change the timeline

Facebook Account Permanent Deletion

- From your main profile page, click your profile photo in the top right of Facebook
- Select Settings & Privacy then click 'Settings'
- Below General Profile Settings, click 'Memorialization Settings'
- Click 'Request' that your account be deleted after you pass away and click 'Delete After Death'
- Your loved one will need to provide a Photo of the Death Certificate or be a Legacy Contact

[Deactivating or Deleting Your Account | Facebook Help Center](#)

https://www.facebook.com/help/250563911970368/?helpref=hc_fnav

Apple Products

- Legacy Contact can be set up on any iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Mac Book system
- It allows access to your devices after you are gone

Legacy Contact Set Up – iPhone, iPad, iPod

- Open 'Settings', tap on your name
- Tap 'Sign In & Security', then tap on Legacy Contact
- Tap 'Add Legacy Contact' (you may be asked to add your password, Face ID, Touch ID to authenticate)

Legacy Contact Set Up – Mac

- Apple Menu, 'System Preferences', click on 'Apple ID'
- Click 'Sign In & Security', then click 'Legacy Contact'
- Click 'Add Legacy Contact' (you may be asked to add your password, Face ID, Touch ID to authenticate)

Legacy Contact Set Up – Family Group

- If you are in a Family Sharing group, you can select another group member as your contact, or you can tap 'Choose Someone Else'
- If you aren't in a Family Sharing group, or you chose someone else, select someone from the list of contacts. Tap the email or mobile phone number of the contact to select it
- On the 'Access to Your Digital Legacy' screen, read the notification, then tap 'Continue'
- Select either to 'Send a Message' to the contact containing an access key, or to 'Print a Copy' of the access key to share manually or add to your estate planning documentation

[How to add a Legacy Contact for your Apple ID - Apple Support \(CA\)](#)

<https://support.apple.com/en-ca/102631>