

Ten Things Your Family Should Know

Besides a will, you should give specific information about these important things to your children or family that they ought to know after your death. Put it in written form. Make it reasonably accessible in your home and tell your children and loved ones where it is. If you don't do so, your wishes may not get carried out or the distribution of your assets may wind up being more costly than it needs to be.

1. Your wishes for funeral and burial arrangements.
2. The location of your Will or Trust documents.
3. Your social security number.
4. Your military identification number for veteran's benefits.
5. The place and date of your birth.
6. A list of all insurance policies including commercial, union, or fraternal policies. Include policy numbers and addresses of the insurance companies.
7. A list of all your bank accounts, both checking and savings by account numbers and names of the banks.

8. A list of all your children born whether or not you were married at the time.
9. A list of all stocks, bonds, and brokerage accounts including account numbers and addresses of companies and brokerage houses.
10. Organ donations if you wish to make any.