



Don't Forget Your Digital Assets!

**When working with your Estate Planning Professionals,
remember to include the digital assets.**

In addition to dealing with the emotion upheaval when someone dies, we all have a digital footprint that needs to be removed. Each of us that is even somewhat active online, has a lot of private information out there including: address history, birth date, financial institutions, social security numbers and other detailed information. Digital Assets include all your accounts where you may have uploaded photos, music or movies. Don't forget that there are credit cards or bank accounts that are associated with all online and social media accounts.

important to keeping your private, allowing you getting images, music etc. and theft.

A key part of good estate digital assets. There are a agreements as well as state and local laws that may prevent heirs from closing these accounts.



Removing this information is loved one's information possession of all the data, protecting against identity

planning now includes the confusing amount of online

These digital assets need to be organized and categorized. They include: computers and devices, email accounts, social media, online business accounts including shopping and media accounts where you may store pictures and videos.

Many of us immediately jump to the media, we want to preserve the family and personal images that are out there. As part of planning, you may want to designate who should be charged with getting the media off line and where it is stored. You can create a private backup such as a personal hard drive or create a backup account where your heir is a co-owner.

Online accounts have terms of service that may discuss what happens in the event of death. These vary according to the provider and where you live. Facebook, Yahoo and others have a procedure to follow. The procedures may not be easy.

It is imperative to have a will and to include digital assets in your will. Name a person to have access to your accounts and give clear instructions on how you want things handled. Your Estate Planning Professionals can help prepare for making sure your personal information is protected and handled in the manner you want to plan for.

*Professional Paperwork Services provides an Estate Book which includes a list of accounts including Login information so that all this information is in one place for the digital heir.
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