

Who to notify

United States

Three boxes against each: told them, sent the certificate they asked for, heard back. The third is the one that matters, and it is the one people forget to chase.

Do not do this in one sitting. Cross off what does not apply and leave the rest for a day when you can face being on hold.

Government

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Social Security Administration _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Medicare or Medicaid _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Department of Veterans Affairs, if they served _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ The IRS, and the state tax office _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ The DMV, for a driver's licence _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Voter registration _____

Money

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Each bank and credit union _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Credit card companies _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Mortgage lender or landlord _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Life insurance _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Health, home and auto insurance _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Pension, 401(k) or retirement plan _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Financial adviser or accountant _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ The three credit bureaus _____

Day to day

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Employer _____

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Doctor, dentist and any specialist _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Utilities: power, water, gas _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Phone and internet _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Subscriptions and memberships _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Place of worship, clubs, unions _____
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Post office, to redirect mail _____

Anything you have thought of that is not here

- ☐ ☐ ☐ _____
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Telling the credit bureaus stops accounts being opened in their name, which does happen. One of the three passes it to the others, but confirming with each is safer.

Most of these want a certified copy of the death certificate rather than a photocopy, and some will not discuss the account at all until the estate has been through probate. This sheet is a prompt, not legal advice.