Medical Information	Where Is It Kept?
Advance Directives	
Do Not Resuscitate Papers	
Healthcare Power of Attorney	
Living Will	

Final Wishes	Where Is It Kept?
Burial Arrangements	
Cemetery Information	
Funeral Home	

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Where is your mother's birth certificate? Does your father have a will? Like most people, your answer to questions like these is probably "*I don't know.*" Too often adult children don't consider their parents' important documents until it is too late. "*I don't want to be nosy*" and "*I'll deal with it later*" are two common excuses that may have prevented you and your parent from adequately planning for the future.

There is no better time to talk to your parent than now, before a crisis happens. Whether your parent is in perfect health or is suffering from chronic illness, learning where valuable documents are located can help you determine your parent's needs and expectations, and the knowledge you gain can assist you in providing the best care for your parent, if the need arises.

This Tip Sheet has been designed to help you and your parent work together to locate these documents before a crisis occurs. By having this conversation now, both of you will gain peace of mind that important information is available should you need it.

Useful Information

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Date Completed _____

Primary Doctor _____

Telephone _____

Lawyer _____

Telephone _____

Accountant _____

Telephone _____

Power of Attorney _____

Telephone _____

Healthcare Agent _____

Telephone _____

Investment Broker _____

Telephone _____

Clergy _____

Telephone _____

Name of Bank _____

Acct # _____

Name of Bank _____

Acct # _____

Emergency Contact _____

Telephone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Telephone _____

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Personal Information	Where Is It Kept?
Birth Certificate	
Marriage Certificate	
Divorce Papers	
Military Records:	
Branch of Service _____	
Military ID # _____	
Dates of Service _____	
Organ Donor Card	
Passport/Citizenship Papers	
Will	
Trusts	
Safety Deposit Box	
Number _____	
Where are keys kept?	

Insurance Information	Where Is It Kept?
Automobile	
Disability	
Homeowners	
Life	
Long-Term Care	
Health	
Other _____	

Financial Information	Where Is It Kept?
Automobile Title/Registration	
Bank Statements	
Bonds	
CDs	
Bank Account: *Checking*	
Bank Account: *Savings*	
Bank Account: *Money Market*	
401K Account	
IRAs	
Mortgage Information	
Outstanding Loans	
Property Deeds/Title	
Stock Certificates	
Income Tax Records	
Pension Records	