

Digital Legacy

What it means and what to do about it

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Introduction

The digital age has transformed the way we live our lives, and with it, the way we pass on our legacy. In the past, all that was needed to protect our physical assets after death was a will and testament. However, in today's digital age, we need to be equally concerned with protecting our digital assets, such as social media accounts, email accounts, and online financial accounts. It is therefore essential to take steps to protect your digital life when you die.

Steps to take

- Take inventory of your digital assets
- Document your wishes
- Appoint a digital executor
- Use a password manager
- Consider digital estate planning services
- Update your will
- Review privacy policies
- Back up your digital files

APCUG Video

We will view part of an APCUG video that was recorded in 2018 then go into details of what you can do to protect your assets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaZMfoUQdTc&t=1111s>

Bitwarden example

Bitwarden is an open-source password manager that has a feature to provide access to another party. This full featured app costs \$10 a year.

It competes with other managers such as LastPass, Dashlane, Keeper, 1Password and RoboForm which also have that feature.

Google Accounts – Part 1

Google provides emergency access to accounts through its "Inactive Account Manager" feature. This feature allows users to specify what should happen to their Google account data after a certain period of inactivity. Users can choose to have their account data deleted after a specified period of time, or they can choose to designate one or more trusted contacts who will be notified if the account becomes inactive.

Google Accounts – Part 2

When a user sets up Inactive Account Manager, they can choose how long their account should be inactive before Google sends a notification to their trusted contact(s). The user can choose to set the period of inactivity to anywhere from 3 to 18 months. Once the period of inactivity has passed, Google will send an email notification to the user's designated contact(s) informing them that the account has been inactive for the specified period of time.

Google Accounts – Part 3

The notification email will include instructions on how to access the account data and will also provide a link to download the data. The trusted contact will need to follow the instructions and provide some additional information to verify their identity before they can access the account data.

Google Accounts – Part 4

It's important to note that Inactive Account Manager only provides emergency access to the account data, not the account itself. If the user has set up two-factor authentication or other security measures, the trusted contact will not be able to log in to the account without the user's authorization.

Make a Apple Legacy Contact

- Add or remove 1 or more contacts.
- They can get access to your phone data if they have your death certificate and ACCESS KEY
- They can help if you lose your password.
- Go to Settings>[your name]> Passwords> Legacy Contact
- You can send your ACCESS KEY by message* or print and mail. Also keep in your files.
- *They need updated software iOS 15.2, MacOS 12.1