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Planning for the Future: **Valuable Documents** **at Your Fingertips**

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 _____

Medical Information

Advance Directives

Do Not Resuscitate Papers

Healthcare Power of Attorney

Living Will

Final Wishes

Burial Arrangements

Cemetery Information

Funeral Home

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