

Planning for the Inevitable, Estate Planning Tools to Help Get You There

During times of uncertainty, coping with the complicated emotions surrounding the death of a loved one can become almost unbearable. As a rather taboo topic, we tend to shy away from discussions about death and dying until we experience loss. Encountering death, especially unexpected death, can be challenging and tends to encompass a whirlwind of emotions. In the midst of grieving we are tasked with celebrating the deceased's life, honoring his or her last wishes, and coping with loss.

Although it is difficult to imagine our time on earth coming to an end, taking steps to plan for the inevitable can lessen the burden we leave behind for our loved ones upon departure from this life. Thoughtful Estate Planning helps individuals plan for their end of life experiences, protect their

assets, and ensure their last wishes are granted. Traditionally, people have relied solely on their Last Will and Testament to carry out final wishes; yet, because such documents only become effective upon death, they find themselves in a sort of limbo upon incapacitation or disability. Estate Planning today encompasses a wide variety of documents that can include instructions to physicians, appointment of financial agents, and burial and funeral wishes. Having difficult or uncomfortable conversations now can ensure you help alleviate some of the uncertainty and overwhelming feelings that accompany the death of a loved one.

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