# CASUALTY ASSISTANCE PLANNING GUIDE



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### INTRODUCTION

This organizer will be a valuable asset for your family when someday you are unable to speak for yourself. All of your life's important details can then be accessed instantly when fast decisions are required. Complete this organizer and tell someone you trust where to find it. That way, you can prevent accounts from being lost, make sure all insurance is claimed, specify medical directives and much more.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This organizer is intended to be comprehensive, so you probably won't need to fill out every line. Use only what is needed and useful for you.

Use a pencil. Most of the information won't change, but if it does, you'll want to change it easily.

If you have questions about specific items or aren't sure what to fill in, ask your lawyer, insurance agent, banker, or other advisor or write in what you think is correct and confirm the answer. Don't be afraid to write in blank areas, between lines or in the margins.

Keep this organizer in a location where it will be readily accessible for reference or in case your family needs it. Share its location with your family or an emergency contact so that it is easily available.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name
Address
Phone
Birthdate
Birthplace
Social Security #
Employer
Address
Phone
Military Service (Branch)
Rank
Serial #
Enlistment/Discharge Dates
Location of DD214 or Discharge Papers
Spouse
Spouse's Address
Phone
Nearest Relative
Address
Phone
Relationship
Social Security #

### **CHILDREN**

Name	
Address	
Phone	SS#
Birthdate	
Name	
Address	
Phone	SS#
Birthdate	
Name	
Address	
Phone	SS#
Birthdate	
Name	
Address	
	SS#
Birthdate	
Location of Family Birth Certificates:	

### **LEGAL INFORMATION**

Lawyer
Firm
Address
Phone
LEGAL INFORMATION:
The purpose of this section is to record some information about important legal documents. It is not intended to provide legal advice in any way or substitute for the sound advice of a lawyer. If you have a legal question or concern, please contact a lawyer for proper legal counsel. Following is a brief description of common legal instruments:
Wills: A Last Will and Testament is the document by which an individual declares how their possessions are to be distributed after their death. It is important that you update your will when there are major changes in your life. Discuss with your lawyer how adequate provisions can be made from your estate to assist the minor heirs.
<b>Trusts:</b> A Trust gives legal title of property to an individual (Trustee) to administer for another (the Beneficiary). Trusts are used commonly to minimize estate taxes or to give property to someone without losing control over it.
YOUR WILL
I have a Last Will and Testament: Yes No
Date of Will
Last Update
Location of Will:
Original
Copies

Executor of Estate
Address
Phone
Alternate Executor
Address
Phone
Witness to Will
Address
Phone
Witness to Will
Address
Phone
Attorney who drafted Will
Address
Phone
TRUSTS AND GUARDIANSHIP
TRUSTS
I have a Trust Agreement: Yes No
Date Executed
Location of Trust
Type of Trust
Trustee

Witness to Trust
Address
Phone
Attorney who drafted Trust
Address
Phone
GUARDIANSHIP
I have minor children and have made provisions in my Last Will and Testament for the guardianship of my Children: Yes No
Name of Guardian
Witness to Will
Address
Phone
Relationship
Alternate Guardian
Witness to Will
Address
Phone
Relationship
Attorney who drafted Will
Address
Phone

### POWER OF ATTORNEY/LIVING WILL

POWER OF ATTORNEY: You should have a Power of Attorney to help you and your family under special circumstances by allowing an authorized person to act on your behalf.

I have executed a Power of At	ctorney:
Yes, Date	No
Location of Document	
Who has Power of Attorney	
Address	
What is Covered:	
will and advanced medical dire	CE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE: A living ective are documents that can help ensure arding life support, etc., are carried out if to state them yourself.
I have executed a Living Will	and an Advance Medical Directive:
Yes, Date	No
Locations of documents	
Locations of copies	

### AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS

# BUSINESS OWNERSHIP Name of Business\_\_\_\_ Form of Ownership Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Accountant\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Attorney\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_ Location of Business Records (insurance, tax records, keys, receipts, employee records, etc.) **ITEM LOCATION** OTHER AGREEMENTS

### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

MARRIAGE
Date of Marriage
Place
Location of Marriage Certificate
PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT
Date Signed
Location of Document
SEPARATION AGREEMENT
Date Signed
Spouse's Name
Spouse's Address
Phone
Location of Document
DIVORCE DECREE
Date of Divorce
Name of Court
Court Address
Location of Document
Alimony
Child Support

### INSURANCE INFORMATION

Insurance represents the protection you carry to safeguard your assets and your loved one in case of accidents, burglary, lawsuits, etc. It is important to consult with your insurance agent frequently as many of life's changes can require a change in the insurance protection that you carry.

**Health, disability and life insurance** needs change depending on your age and life circumstances. Only you and a qualified insurance representative can determine what is right for you. If your insurance is through work you may not be aware of all the coverages. VSP Human Resources can be of great help in answering your questions.

Homeowner's or renter's insurance is generally used to cover real estate and other valuable property that you may own. Generally these policies cover personal valuables such as jewelry, silver and artwork up to a set limit. Consult with your agent to determine if additional riders (specific coverage) for those items may be necessary and if an appraisal is warranted.

**Mortgage insurance** is a type of life insurance that specifically pays off any remaining debt on your property. An **umbrella policy** provides extra liability coverage over and above your car or homeowner's policy limits up to a higher limit, usually \$1- to \$5-million. Many individuals who own small businesses or are professionals consider it as an important protection of their assets.

### LIFE INSURANCE

Company		
Agent	Phone	
Policy#		
Beneficiaries		
Location of Policy		
Policy Type*	Policy Loans?	
Face Value	Surrender Value	
Company		
Agent	Phone	
Policy#		
Location of Policy		
Policy Type*	Policy Loans?	
Face Value	Surrender Value	
Company		
Agent	Phone	
Policy#		
Beneficiaries		
Location of Policy		
Policy Type*	Policy Loans?	
Face Value	Surrender Value	

<sup>\*</sup>Whole Life, Universal, Single Premium, Term, etc.

### LIFE INSURANCE (CONT.)

Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy#	
Beneficiaries	
Policy Type*	Policy Loans?
Face Value	Surrender Value
Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy#	
Beneficiaries	
Location of Policy	
Policy Type*	Policy Loans?
Face Value	Surrender Value
estate. Your lawyer can	are included when calculating the value of an help determine if a Life Insurance Trust is stances. This type of trust is designed to protect estate taxes.
I have a Life Insurance T	

<sup>\*</sup>Whole Life, Universal, Single Premium, Term, etc.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

Primary Insurance	
Name of Insured	
Policy #	
Group #	Member #
Dependents Covered	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Insurance	
Name of Insured	
Policy #	
Group #	Member #
Dependents Covered	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Insurance	
Name of Insured	
	Member #
Dependents Covered	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	
Company	
Policy #	

### HOME OR RENTER'S INSURANCE

Property	
Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
	Deductible
Location of Policy	
Exclusions	
	aluables)
Company	
	Phone
Policy #	
	Deductible
Location of Policy	
	aluables)

### AUTOMOTIVE/MARINE INSURANCE

Insurance Co	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
Limits of Coverage	
Location of Policy	
Vehicles/Boats Covered	
Insurance Co	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
Location of Policy	
Vehicles/Boats Covered	
Automobile Club	
Membership #	
Phone	

### OTHER INSURANCE

### MORTGAGE INSURANCE

Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
Coverage	
Location of Policy	
UMBRELLA (EXCESS) INSUR	ANCE
Company	
Agent	Phone
Policy #	
Location of Policy	

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Person to contact regarding my finances:	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
Accountant	
Address	
Phone	
Location of Tax Records	

### FINANCIAL PLANNING

The purpose of this section of the organizer is to help you record the financial details of your life. It is not intended to present financial advice or imply that any investment is better than any other. Only you and a qualified investment advisor can determine what is appropriate for your specific needs. Record all of your assets and liabilities including bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, real estate, mortgages, loans, etc. The stocks and bonds pages are not intended to be for each transaction, only for noting the stocks and bonds that you own.

The sections for Pension, Profit Sharing and Tax Deferred Annuities (IRA's, etc.) are for long term retirement savings and usually incur a penalty for withdrawal before age 59½. Tax legislation and personal circumstances may affect the status of your account(s). Consult your financial advisor.

### **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook
Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook
Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook

<sup>\*</sup>Checking, Savings, Money Market, etc.

### BANK ACCOUNTS (CONT.)

Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook
Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook
Bank
Address
Contact
Type*
Account #
Authorized Signers
Location of Passbook

<sup>\*</sup>Checking, Savings, Money Market, etc.

### SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

Bank
Address
Box #
Location of Key(s)
Authorized Signer(s)
Contents
Bank
Address
Box #
Location of Key(s)
Authorized Signer(s)
Contents

### **TAX-DEFERRED ACCOUNTS**

This would include Individual Retirement Accounts, 401k plans, 403b tax sheltered annuities, Keoghs or HR10 plans.

Account Type	Account #	
Institution		
Account Type	Account #	
Institution		
Account Type	Account #	
Institution		
Account Type	Account #	
Institution		
Address		

### PENSION AND PROFIT SHARING

Company
Address
Date Vested
Vested Value
Options*
Company
Address
Date Vested
Vested Value
Options*
Company
Address
Date Vested
Vested Value
Options*
Company
Address
Date Vested
Vested Value
Options*

<sup>\*</sup>Provisions for survivorship for spouse, lump sum payout, etc.

### REAL ESTATE OWNED

Primary Residence	
Purchase Date	Price
Name(s) on Title	
How Title Held*	
Title Location	
How are Taxes Paid?**	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Property	
Purchase Date	Price
Name(s) on Title	
How Title Held*	
Title Location	
How are Taxes Paid?**	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Property	
Purchase Date	Price
Name(s) on Title	
How Title Held*	
Title Location	
How are Taxes Paid?**	

<sup>\*</sup>Joint tenants with right of survivorship, tenants by the entirety, tenancy in common.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Monthly, yearly, in escrow, etc.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

### MOTOR VEHICLES, BOATS, ETC.

Make, Model, Year	
Registration #	Purchase Date
Name(s) on Title	
Where Kept?	
Title Location	
Make, Model, Year	
Registration #	Purchase Date
Name(s) on Title	
Where Kept?	
Title Location	
Make, Model, Year	
Registration #	Purchase Date
Name(s) on Title	
Where Kept?	
Title Location	
OTHER VALUABLE PERSONAL	PROPERTY:

### STOCKS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

Stock or Mutual Fund Name	#Shares	Date Purchased	Purchase Cost	Location of Certificates

### BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Company or Bank Name	Purchase Date	Cost	Face Value	Location of Certificates

### **MORTGAGES**

If mortgage rates have dropped or changes in your life have occurred, refinancing may be to your benefit. Seek professional advice.

Lender		
	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	
Property Location		
Lender		
Address		
Phone	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	
Property Location		
Lender		
Address		
Phone	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	
Property Location		

### LOANS AND LOAN GUARANTEES

A loan guarantee is as legally binding on you as a loan. By co-signing or guaranteeing a loan you have the obligation to pay that loan should the borrower default for any reason. Typically a parent may co-sign a car loan for a child of theirs or personally guarantee a loan for a small business.

Type of Loan		
Secured By		
	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	
Type of Loan		
	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	
Type of Loan		
Secured By		
	Account #	
Origination Date	Amount	

### LOANS (CONT.)

Type of Loan	
Secured By	
	Account #
Origination Date	Amount
Type of Loan	
	<del>-</del>
	Account #
Origination Date	Amount
Type of Loan	
Secured By	
	Account #
Origination Data	Amount

### **CREDIT CARDS**

Card Name	Issued By (store or bank name)	Address	Account Number

### **SECURITY**

# HOME SECURITY SYSTEM Residence \_\_\_\_ Security Co.\_\_\_\_\_ Security Code Instructions \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER SECURITY SYSTEM (Car, etc.) Item Protected \_\_\_\_\_ Security Co. Location of System\_\_\_\_\_ Security Code Instructions \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF IMPORTANT ITEMS: House Keys\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Keys\_\_\_\_\_ Car Keys Gas/Water Shut-Off\_\_\_\_\_ Electrical Box Combination Locks Combinations\_\_\_\_ Address Book\_\_\_\_ Passport\_\_\_\_\_

### **PHYSICIANS**

Physician
Specialty
Address
Phone
Physician_
Specialty
Address_
Phone
Physician_
Specialty
Address
Phone_
Physician
Specialty
Address
Phone
Physician
Specialty
Address
Phone

### ORGAN DONATION

An organ donation card is a document that states your wishes regarding the donation of body organs and parts upon your death, according to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

I have executed an "Organ Donor card":	
Yes, Date	No
Location of my donor card	
For information only, it states that:	
I do not wish to donate any organs/j	parts.
I wish to donate any organs/parts ne	eeded.
I wish to donate the following:	

# ESTATE CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO BE DONE BY VSP WIDOW/WIDOWER OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER

- 1. Locate **ORIGINAL** will and any codicils, if any, and consult with counsel as to probate requirements.
- 2. Prepare the Estate Asset Inventory using date of death values with balances with accumulated interest to the date of death for checking and savings accounts.
- 3. Contact the Social Security Administration to stop payments (if applicable) and arrange to return payments received, if any, after the date of death.
- 4. Contact life insurance companies for payment. If the companies do not provide a Form 712, ask for one. Form 712 must be filed with a federal estate tax return. The insurance company may send the form automatically, but if not you should ask for it when you return the information to receive your proceeds.
- 5. Terminate automobile, hospitalization and other insurance policies, where appropriate and seek refunds where appropriate. Terminate any unwanted subscriptions. (Notify Post Office of address change.)
- 6. You should soon apply for an IRS estate identification number. (This will be an EIN, which starts "54-\_\_\_\_\_".) If you open an estate account before you get the number, ask the bank to put "Pending" on the account until the number comes.
- 7. Get receipts for personal property distributed to people and/or to charities.
- 8. Keep all bills and checks together for accountings to the Circuit Court's Commissioner of Accounts and for the federal estate tax return and/or fiduciary tax return deductions.
- 9. Get the checking account bank to change the ownership effective as of the date of death payable to you through your social security number, which in effect transfers that money to you, if you are the only beneficiary. Otherwise, tell the bank that you will give them the I.D. number (see § 5, above) when it arrives and have the account set up with that number beginning from the date of death so that the estate can collect interest on its money while you are using it to pay estate debts before you transfer it to yourself and/or other beneficiaries.

- 10. DO NOT put any life insurance proceeds in the working estate account, but keep that money yourself because it is not part of the probate estate; it is your money. However, life insurance proceeds are includable for calculating the gross estate for federal estate tax purposes. If you need insurance proceeds later to pay estate bills, you can then put it in the estate checking account.
- 11. Prepare and file current Virginia and federal income tax returns when due. Consult an attorney or accountant if you have any questions.
- 12. Check for organizational or employer group life policies.
- 13. Did the decedent own life policies on others?
- 14. Retirement Plan death benefits and/or veterans' benefits.
- 15. Check real estate ownership.
- 16. Governmental benefits to be checked:
  - a. State Group Life Insurance
  - b. Optional State Life Insurance
  - c. Death in service (not in line of duty)
    - i. State Police Death Benefit fund up to \$18,000 to beneficiary.
    - ii. Meadows Insurance individual policy \$5,000 accident policy.
    - iii. State Police Association \$5,000 natural death, \$10,000 accidental, \$2,500 family member.
  - d. Virginia Line-of-Duty Act (Section 2.1-133.7) beneficiary[ies], and continued health insurance (Section 2.1-133.7:1)
  - e. Public Safety Officers' Benefit (federal) if killed in line of duty.
  - f. Worker's Compensation (line of duty) \$5,000 for funeral expenses and \$500 for transportation of remains.
  - g. Retirement and Worker's Compensation benefits Title 51-156 of the Code of Virginia provides that the widow will receive an annual benefit amounting to one-half of the average final compensation of the employee (or one-third of the average final compensation plus social security). Title 65.2-65, the Worker's Compensation Act will provide a portion of that benefit for a period of 500 weeks. The beneficiary also receives a refund of the employee's retirement contributions.
  - h. Virginia Silver Star Foundation.
  - i. Veteran benefits non-service connected death \$300 burial; service connected death \$1,500 burial expense; \$150 plot/interment allowance; \$85 headstone allowance.

- j. Military Reserve Ready Reservists performing at least 12 periods of inactive duty training and Retired Reservists not receiving retired pay are eligible for up to \$100,000 in life insurance, provided premiums are paid (Public Law 93-289).
- k. SGLI Insurance which may have been converted after ETS.

IMPORTANT: ALWAYS KEEP BENEFICIARY INFORMATION UP TO DATE. FORMS AND ASSISTANCE FOR STATE BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PERSONNEL DIVISION AT SPHQ.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR DEATH BENEFITS

### VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM:

VRS-30

Death Certificate (raised seal)

Birth Certificate

Deceased

Beneficiaries

Marriage Certificate

Newspaper accounting

Attending Physician's Report

Workers' Comp. Award

Social Security Award/Denial

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

First Report of Injury (form 3)

Death Certificate

Birth Certificates

Deceased

Beneficiaries

Marriage Certificate

Funeral Statement

Autopsy Report

### **DEFERRED COMPENSATION:**

Death Certificate (raised seal)

Withdrawal Request form

### **CUMULATIVE LIST:**

Death Certificates (5 with raised seals)

Birth Certificates (4 with raised seals)

Deceased

Beneficiaries

Marriage Certificate (4 with raised seals)

Funeral Statement (3)

Medical Report (2 certified)

Autopsy Report (2 certified)

Investigative Report (2 certified)

Newspaper Accounting (3)

Names of Witnesses (2)

### PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BENEFIT:

Investigative Report (certified)

Death Certificate (raised seal)

Birth Certificates (raised seal)

Deceased

Beneficiaries

Marriage Certificate (raised seal)

Medical Report (certified)

Autopsy Report (certified)

Names of Witnesses

## COMPTROLLER (LINE OF DUTY DEATHS):

Investigative Report (certified)

Death Certificate (raised seal)

Birth Certificate (raised seal)

Deceased

Beneficiaries

Marriage Certificate