



Life insurance beneficiary checklist

How to navigate a challenging time



Your loved one purchased a Principal® life insurance policy to help provide financial support to you. And in the event you experience a difficult loss, we're here to help you with next steps as the policy's beneficiary.

First priorities

- Find official documents (will, trust, Social Security card). The will/trust should identify the person who'll most likely handle many of the tasks listed below.
- Work with a funeral director to make funeral or memorial service arrangements.
- Order multiple copies of the certified death certificate to use with filing claims and other matters.
- Gather information about bank accounts, retirement plans, brokerage accounts, mutual funds, stocks, annuities, and real estate.
- Locate any safe deposit boxes and keys that may house vital information and/or instructions.
- Contact the attorney.
- Contact the Social Security Administration.
- Notify your loved one's employer to arrange for benefits due to the beneficiaries.
- Notify all insurance companies so they can send you claims forms and instructions.

Next priorities

- Update the name on property titles, insurance policies, and bank accounts.
- Locate credit cards to cancel, official documents (such as income tax returns and passport), and bills to be paid.
- Notify an accountant/tax preparer, financial professional, banker, and any organizations your loved one belonged to.

Submit a life insurance claim with Principal

- ① **Notify Principal.** Either you or your financial professional can complete this step. If you choose to, call or email us (see contact information below) with the following information:
 - Date of death
 - Cause and manner of death
 - If the death occurred within the U.S. or outside the U.S.
 - If any of the proceeds will be assigned to a funeral home
 - Name and address of the person who should receive the claim forms; you can also access these forms at principal.com/insurance/life/claim-requirements/
- ② **Complete and submit the Principal Life Claim form (DD750).**
- ③ **Submit a certified death certificate.** We require an original certified death certificate with raised seal or special coloring indicating it's an original (photocopies accepted only for policies with a face amount of \$100,000 or less).
- ④ **Complete and submit supplemental forms.** These are a couple that could be required:
 - Surviving Children's Affidavit (DD433), if beneficiary designation is simply "children"
 - Proof of death (such as a death certificate or obituary) for any beneficiary that passed away before the owner of the life insurance policy

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If you need any assistance during the claims process, contact us at **800-331-2213** or indclaims@exchange.principal.com.



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