

TAKE ACTION!

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER TAKING NOW



- 1 **PULL A CREDIT BUREAU REPORT**
(<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/>)
- 2 **OPEN A NEW CHECKING ACCOUNT IN YOUR NAME ONLY** *if you do not already have one*
- 3 **OPEN AT LEAST ONE CREDIT CARD IN YOUR NAME ONLY**
- 4 **MAKE A LIST OF ALL PASSWORDS**
(See [Password List](#))
- 5 **GATHER CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONALS YOU USE:**
(See [Contact List](#))
 - CPA
 - Attorney that drafted your wills
 - Banker
 - Financial Advisor
 - Investment Manager
 - Insurance Representative
- 6 **START PUTTING DOLLARS AWAY FOR LEGAL COSTS**
- 7 **CONSIDER OPENING A POST OFFICE BOX**
if you do not want your mail to come to your home
- 8 **CHANGE YOUR BENEFICIARIES ON RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**
(IRA's, 401k Plans, Pensions, Life Insurance Policies)
- 9 **CHANGE YOUR ESTATE DOCUMENTS**
 - Will
 - Power of Attorney
 - Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney

- 10 **GATHER DOCUMENTS TO BUILD A PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
(See [Building a Personal Financial Statement](#))

DOCUMENTS TO SHOW WHAT YOU OWN

- Deed to house (it will show titling)
- Investment Account Statements (last monthly statement for each account)
- Retirement Accounts, IRA's, 401-K's, Profit Sharing accounts, Pension statements
- Bank Accounts Statements, Checking, Money Market, Savings (it will show amount and titling of account)
- Custodian accounts, 529 Plans
- Life Insurance Policies (if applicable)
- Long Term Care Policies (if applicable)
- Annuity statements (if applicable)

DOCUMENTS TO SHOW WHAT YOU OWE

- Mortgage loan documents, including Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC or ELC) (it will show interest rate and who is on the debt)
- Annual Property Tax Bill
- Credit card Statements (it will show what is owed and owner of card)
- Auto Leases (If applicable)

DOCUMENTS TO SHOW WHAT YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS

- Copy of last three years tax returns

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PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT



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