

When Someone Dies

Sources of practical help and advice

Whether or not the death of a loved one or friend is expected, it is a shock and sometimes it can be difficult to think about all the immediate practical things necessary to register a death, arrange a funeral or deal with an estate. The following websites and organisations are valuable sources of information which will help you with practical issues including the documents needed to register a death; administering an estate; probate, as well as information about writing wills and applying for powers of attorney.

AGEUK – www.ageuk.org.uk – look under tabs ‘info & advice>end of life planning>when someone dies. There are a number of useful downloadable brochures and guides freely available.

Government website – how to register a death, documents needed, tax, probate. This is a series of documents which you can select from a menu and download. Look under - www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages

Power of Attorney

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN – official site for powers of attorney:

0300 456 0300

[www.gov.uk>government>>organisations>office-of-the-public-guardian](http://www.gov.uk/government>>organisations>office-of-the-public-guardian)

In addition, many banks and building societies (e.g. Skipton B/S) offer information on wills, applying for probate, and powers of attorney.

Bereavement Support

CRUSE – www.cruse.org.uk

Help-line 0808 808 1677

Locally – Epsom, Ewell & Mole Vale: 020 8393 7238 or Surrey.east@cruse.org.uk

Richmond: 0749 5777 401 or www.cruse.org.uk/richmond

And c/o 141 Kingsway, Mortlake, SW14 7HN or 07840 880946

CRUSE for younger people: HOPE AGAIN via website ; www.hopeagain.org.uk

[Bereavement support is also offered by St John’s vicar, Revd Michael Roper, and the ministry team.](#)