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YOUR CHILD TURNED 18...NOW WHAT?

A PARENT'S LEGAL CHECKLIST

Congratulations! Your child has reached adulthood. Along with new freedoms come important legal changes that many families don't realize.

Turning 18 changes more than your child's age - it expands their legal responsibilities and changes YOUR legal authority as a parent. So use this checklist to take a few simple steps now that will help your family be better prepared if the unexpected happens.

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Young Adult Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Conversation Starters – Ask Your Young Adult Child...

- If you were in the hospital tomorrow, who would you want doctors to call?
- Who should be allowed to receive medical updates?
- Who should make healthcare decisions for you if you couldn't make them yourself?
- Who could temporarily manage your finances if needed?
- Where can your important documents be found?

MEDICAL INFORMATION

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| ☐ Does your child want you to be able to speak with doctors if he/she is hospitalized? |
| ☐ Has your child signed a HIPAA Authorization & Waiver? |
| ☐ Has your child completed an Advance Directive for Healthcare (or the equivalent in your jurisdiction), naming a healthcare Agent? |

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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| ☐ Does your child have a Durable Financial Power of Attorney, naming an Agent? |
| ☐ Would someone be able to help with banking, insurance, or housing matters if your child became incapacitated? |

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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| ☐ Are emergency contacts current? |
| ☐ Does someone know your child's current medications, allergies & medical conditions? |
| ☐ Do parents know how to contact roommates or close friends? |

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL MATTERS

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| ☐ Has your child created strong passwords & enabled multi-factor authentication? |
| ☐ Does someone know where your child's important documents (i.e., birth certificate, social security card, passport, insurance card, etc.) are kept? |
| ☐ Has your child reviewed beneficiary designations on any bank or investment accounts he/she may have? |
| ☐ Does your child understand the importance of keeping his/her legal documents updated as life changes? |



BONUS TIP: If your child is headed to college, ask whether the school offers a FERPA ("The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act") release form so you can receive educational information IF your young adult child wants you to have access.