

## TAKING CHARGE

Death is a difficult and feared subject for most people. Most of us tend to put off dealing with the steps we can take to get our financial affairs in order. However, the loss of a loved one creates a seemingly endless list of things that need to be done by those who are left behind. While some of those tasks can be put off for a time after a death, there are many legal, financial, and practical decisions that must be made immediately. For a person who is grieving, the pressure to make these decisions can be overwhelming. The following checklist, while not exhaustive, can help alleviate some of the stress and complication by identifying, in advance, some of the more important tasks that must be completed soon after a death.