

Not the documents. Where the documents are, and who can get to them. A signed power of attorney nobody can find at eleven at night is not doing the job it was signed for.

TALK TO AN ATTORNEY ABOUT THIS

If any row on this page is blank, that document either does not exist or nobody can find it. Both are problems an elder law attorney can fix in a single meeting, and both get much harder to fix once the person it concerns can no longer sign.

Document	Where it is kept	Who has a copy	Who to call about it
Durable power of attorney			
Healthcare power of attorney			
Advance directive			
HIPAA authorization			
Will			
Trust documents			
Insurance policies			
Deed and title documents			
Bank and investment accounts			
Military discharge papers			
Safe or lockbox, and the key			