



Online guide for those who have lost a loved one

When a person passes away, their immediate family will be required to manage a great deal of practical matters while they come to terms with their loss. The Death of a Close Family Member guide on Suomi.fi is designed to help those close to the deceased make the necessary decisions and handle the deceased's affairs.

The guide helps people navigate a uniquely difficult situation with step-by-step instructions. It provides clear and comprehensive answers to many questions, such as:



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Practical arrangements

- What needs to be done first? What documents are necessary?
- How do I arrange the deceased's funeral? How should I handle their financial and banking affairs?
- What should I do with the deceased's contracts, memberships and social media accounts?

Estate inventory and inheritance

- Where can I find information on the deceased's property and debts?
- How should I manage the property of the deceased's estate?
- How should the inheritance be distributed?

Mental support

- Where can I find help and assistance for myself?
- How can I best support children who are grieving their loss?

Financial support

- How do I apply for a survivor's pension?
- What other benefits am I eligible for?