

## Women in the Wind Safety Month Event

**Chapter Name: WITW Vagabond Sister Chapter**

**Chapter Location: CenLA & Texas Hill Country**

**Event Description (Brag!!): Essential Paperwork**

\_\_\_ ICE Card by your driver's license, where first responders are most likely to find it. If your phone is locked, lost, or destroyed having the information there won't help.

(<https://www.printablee.com/post-free-printable-medical-cards-217823/>)

\_\_\_ Power of Attorney

(<https://www.lawdepot.com/contracts/power-of-attorney-form/#.YnmVhZLMLIU>)

\_\_\_ Health Care Proxy

([https://www.amc.edu/patient/amfp\\_forms/AMFP\\_Health\\_Care\\_Proxy\\_Form\\_0804.pdf](https://www.amc.edu/patient/amfp_forms/AMFP_Health_Care_Proxy_Form_0804.pdf))

\_\_\_ Final Will (<https://www.freewill.com/>)

\_\_\_ List of People and their Contact Information (including family, friends, and acquaintances and under which circumstances they should be contacted)

Make sure at least one emergency contact is someone outside of your household, that they have your List of Contacts, and know the location of your other Essential Paperwork as there will not be time to search for it in the event it is needed.

**Event Date: June 2022**

**Number of Attendees:**

**Accomplishments: Atta Girls, Description, Tips, What was Learned, Outcome, Follow-up, etc:**

**\*\*Return completed for to Lisa Brogdon (Sprout) WITWSafety@yahoo.com by July 1, 2022**

For those of you that don't have your affairs in order. Make sure all bank accounts have direct beneficiaries. The beneficiary need only go to the bank with your death certificate & an ID of their own.

- **TOD = Transfer On Death deed** if you own a home. Completing this document & filing it with your county saves your heirs THOUSANDS. This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID & your death certificate to the county building & the deed is signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.

- **Living Will:** Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions.

- **Durable Power of Attorney:** Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if one is no longer competent to do so.

- **Power of Attorney for Healthcare:** This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for their person.

- **Last Will & Testament:** Designates to whom personal belongings will go too. Make sure it is hand written & signed. Or printed, notarized & signed to be valid.

- **Funeral Planning Declaration:** allows one to say exactly one's wishes as far as disposition of the body & the services.

- If the above documents are done, you can AVOID probate. If all the above is not done, you have to open an estate account at the bank. All money that doesn't have direct beneficiaries goes into this account. You have to have an attorney to open the estate account. The attorney also has to publicize your passing in the newspaper or post publication at the county courthouse, to allow anyone to make a claim on your property. - It's a complete PAIN.

- Make a list of all banks & account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how & when these things are paid. Make sure heirs knows where life insurance policies are located.

- Make 100% sure SOMEONE knows your Apple ID, bank ID account logins & passwords!

- Make sure you have titles for all vehicles, campers, etc!

- **MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!!** - Talk with those closest to you & make all your wishes KNOWN. Talk to those whom you've designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate. - Do this to explain why your decisions were made & to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Start an important conversation with your loved ones, even though it is very difficult, & most don't want to.

It has to be done.