

A Guide for Families: A practical guide to assist those who have lost a loved one

Delay major decisions

The time following the death of a loved one can be very stressful. It at all possible, delay making major decisions such as selling property, giving away personal mementos and disposing of your loved-one's personal belongings. You may need to retain an attorney to assist with some items. Be cautious about signing any papers without the review of an attorney or someone you trust.

Quick reference phone numbers

If you find yourself in a crisis or feel inconsolable, call you county crisis line or 911.

For more information about grief support services in Wisconsin, visit uwhcopo.org to review the support group list under donor family services.

University of Wisconsin Organ Procurement Organization

Main line.....(608)265-0356

Donor Family Services: (608)890-7604

Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (toll free): (877)233-2354

Department of Health and Family Services (Division of Public Health):(608)266-1251

Internal Revenue Services Information.....(800)829-3676

Social Security Benefits.....(800)827-1213

State Bar of Wisconsin (legalexplorer.com.....(800)728-7788

UW Medical School Body Donation Program.....(608)262-2888

National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin (toll free).....(800)543-6393

Wisconsin Department of Revenue.....(608)266-2772

Veterans Benefits.....(800)827-1000