

## Planning for the Future During The Public Health Crisis

In light of the public health crisis, it is now more important than ever to tend to matters that protect ones legal rights and health care decisions in the event of incapacity or death.

### *“What if I can’t go outside? What if I get sick and can’t tend to financial and other important matters?”*

You can appoint someone to act on your behalf by executing a **Power of Attorney**. This person can go to the bank for you, pay bills for you, sign leases, etc.

### *“What if I get sick and can’t communicate my wishes to my health care providers?”*

You can appoint someone to communicate your health care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so by executing **Health Care Proxy**. You can also outline your wishes for end-of-life care in a **Living Will**.

### *“How can I make sure that my money and property go to the right people when I die?”*

You can execute a **Last Will & Testament** where you say who gets what, and appoint someone to make sure your wishes are carried through.

### *“How do I control what happens with my bodily remains after I die?”*

You can appoint someone to make sure your remains are laid to rest in whatever way you designate them to be in a **Control of Remains Form**.

### *“Can I obtain these documents from VOLS?”*

If you are **60 or older**, living in NYC, and have relatively low income and limited financial resources, please contact us to find out if you qualify for our services, which are free of charge. Please visit our website to download our intake form, or email or call us:

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