

NH First Week: What's Happening and Who Handles It

A plain first-week handout for New Hampshire families. Use the row that matches where things are right now; the last column names work that can wait.

What's happening	Who handles this	What you don't have to do yet
You are helping from outside New Hampshire.	You can keep notes, make calls, and forward this handout to the person handling local steps.	You do not have to solve every NH office, bank, or court question before a local handoff is clear.
The death has just happened at a hospital, home, hospice, or facility.	Staff, hospice, emergency responders, a funeral home, or another responsible contact handles the immediate handoff.	You do not have to call banks, clean out the house, or decide probate today.
A funeral home is involved.	The funeral home can explain what it handles, what family information is needed, and when certified copies may be available.	You do not have to decide inheritance, account closure, or family timelines because a file has been opened.
Certified death certificates are available or coming soon.	A funeral home, NH Vital Records, or a city or town clerk may help qualified requesters get certified copies.	You do not have to order a large stack or send copies everywhere before each institution asks.
Someone will handle the estate.	That person gathers the will, certificates, asset and bill lists, family contacts, and questions for the court or attorney.	You do not have to access, transfer, sell, or distribute estate assets before authority is clear.