



HOW TO CLOSE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

With social media being such an important form of communication, people often don't want to see reminders or notifications from people who are no longer with us. Here are ways to close the most common forms of social media if you don't have their usernames and passwords.



Facebook

Facebook will keep someone's account active until they are notified otherwise. There are three options for you to choose from: deactivation, deletion, and memorialization.

You'll need:

- A birth certificate
- Death certificate or link to the obituary or news article about their death
- Proof of authority to act upon their behalf

If you choose to switch the account to a memorial page, other friends and family members can still look back through the deceased's photographs and updates. Memorial accounts that do not have a Legacy Contact can't be changed.

The easiest way to have someone edit a Facebook account after they have died is to appoint a Legacy Contact. This is someone you choose to look after your account if it's memorialized. Anyone can appoint a Legacy Contact by going into their settings.

For more information on reporting a death or how to manage a deceased person's account, please visit the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/help/275013292838654/?helpref=hc_fnav



Twitter

Twitter will deactivate an account after 6 months if there is no activity. However, if you are worried about someone hacking in or you simply want to close the account, here is what you'll need.

About the deceased:

- The username (@john_smith)
- A copy of the death certificate
- A link to an online obituary or a copy of the obituary from a local newspaper (optional)
- A copy of your drivers licence
- Your email address
- Your relationship to the user or their estate

To fill out the online form, please visit the following link:

<https://help.twitter.com/forms/privacy>

Instagram

With Instagram if someone passes away, anyone can notify them and have the deceased account turned into a memorializing page. The account will be preserved exactly as is. All that's needed to do this is a link to an obituary or news article.



Should you wish to have the account taken down, verified family members can send in the following:

- The deceased birth and death certificate
- Proof of authority under local law that you are family or a representative of their estate.

See Instagram Help Centre or please visit the following link:

<https://help.instagram.com/contact/452224988254813>



LinkedIn

If you come across a LinkedIn profile of someone who has passed away, you can take it down even if you are not family.

Here is what you'll need to send in:

- The members name and email
- The URL to their profile
- The date they passed away
- A link to their obituary
- The company they most recently worked at

To fill out the online form, please visit the following link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/ask/TS-RDMLP?lang=en>

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