Important Donation Facts:

- Organ donation information provided through the Ohio Donor Registry can be assessed and used only by authorized organ, eye, and tissue recovery agencies in Ohio.
- Your status as an organ donor is considered only after every effort has been made to save your life and you have been declared legally dead.
- The recovery of organs and tissue is a surgical procedure that ensures the donor's body is treated with dignity and respect.
- You can change your mind or refine your intent at any time, but only by completing a new Donor Registry Enrollment Form.

Ohio's Donor Registry

Thousands of Ohioans are waiting for organ transplants. As an organ donor, one person can save up to seven lives and enhance the quality of life for more than fifty others through tissue and eye donation.

If you decide to become an organ and tissue donor, you can ensure your wishes will be carried out by filling out a Donor Registry Enrollment Form with the **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles**. This form is also included in the Advance Directives Packet.

Lifeline of Ohio
770 Kinnear Road, Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43212
614-291-0660

Dear Fellow Ohioans:

End-of-life issues are often the most difficult to discuss. However, planning ahead can make the most difficult situation a bit more manageable for your loved ones. Inside you will see how you can record advance directives in your Living Will to provide medical professionals and your family access to these important documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions, or would like further information about recording your Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney.

Sincerely,

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Record Your Living Will & Health Care Power of Attorney

What is a Living Will?

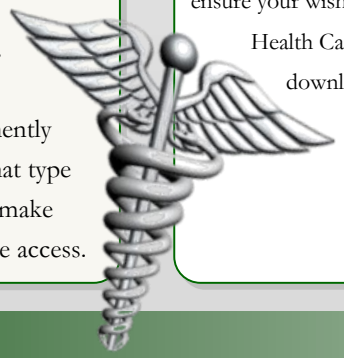
Since 1991, Ohio Law has allowed residents to establish a Living Will to assist them and their loved ones in making difficult end-of-life decisions.

A Living Will is a legal document that dictates how much life-sustaining treatment an individual wishes to have administered once he or she has been deemed by physicians to be terminally ill or permanently unconscious, and unable to communicate his or her wishes.

A Living Will allows a person to decide and document in advance, the type of care he or she would like to receive if he or she became permanently unconscious or terminally ill. The Health Care Power of Attorney enables you to select someone who can make decisions for you. The Recorder's Office will record these documents for you at a flat rate of $40.00 and will provide you with a laminated wallet-sized card.

Why Permanent Access to Your Living Will is Important

A Living Will can only be honored if the attending physicians and others **know about it.** The Living Will takes effect only in situations where a patient is either terminally ill or permanently unconscious and is unable to tell a physician what type of care he or she wishes to receive. It is best to make sure that loved ones, physicians, and others have access.



How We Can Help

The Franklin County Recorder's Office will record the Living Will of any Ohioan for safekeeping. By recording your Living Will with the Franklin County Recorder, you ensure easy access to this important document by your loved ones and medical personnel.

Health Care Power of Attorney

Included in the Franklin County Recorder's Advance Directives Packet is an Ohio Health Care Power of Attorney form. A Health Care Power of Attorney is a document that allows you to name a person to act on your behalf to make health care decisions for you if you become unable to make these decisions for yourself.

Did You Know...

Franklin County employees and their spouses or domestic partners can file their Living Will and Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney for FREE in the Franklin County Recorder's office? If you filled out these documents prior to 2015, Recorder O'Connor encourages you to update your documents because you can now nominate a guardian in the event that you need one named by the Probate Court. To ensure your wishes are honored, complete a Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney packet today. You can download the packet and get more information here (http://recorder.franklincountyohio.gov/services/living-wills.cfm).

"Whether you are 18, or 118, having your Living Will Declaration and Health Care Power of Attorney recorded will provide you and your loved ones with the peace of mind that your wishes will be honored."

Daniel J. O'Connor Jr.

Scan Here For More Information