

Passwords for surviving partners

Recently I successfully helped two bereaved people who were faced with the problem of an unknown computer password.

In each case the surviving partner was unable to access important data on the deceased's computer simply because they did not know the computer password.

It is generally advisable for both partners to know the access password(s) to one or more family computers.

Failing this, it would be sensible to leave both access and other account passwords in an envelope with the family solicitor.

Below are some relevant links:

Digital will:

<http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/pensions/article-2215330/Im-making-digital-Dont-let-online-assets-die-you.html>

Digital legacy:

<http://www.moneywise.co.uk/cut-your-costs/family-life/leaving-digital-legacy>

<http://wedlakebell.com/articles-and-comment/2014/05/02/leaving-a-digital-legacy-in-your-will/>

<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/news/press-releases/leave-a-digital-legacy-after-your-death-urges-law-society/>

Whilst on the subject of passwords, please check the strength of your various current passwords using HowSecureIsMyPassword?:

<https://howsecureismypassword.net/>

If they are weak, then strengthen them by making them longer and then retest them.