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# PLANNING for the *Unexpected*

Let's face it. Twenty-first century life is pretty stressful. Perhaps that's why women work so hard to create homes that are peaceful refuges from outside pressures. But establishing that safe feeling requires more than attractive floor plans, comfortable furnishings and soothing colors. It's essential to plan for the unexpected as well.

Julie Rowe found a way to do that when her employer purchased copies of an excellent resource titled *If Something Happens to Me*, a comprehensive workbook recording a family's essential financial and legal information. "I am a business manager and understand the need for good organization of financial documents," Julie comments. "I am primarily responsible for our accounts at home, and having everything in one, easy-to-follow source will simplify matters for my husband Kenny in the event that I become incapacitated.

"The book lists our bank account and insurance policy numbers, a summary of liabilities and assets, professional advisors, government agencies to contact and the location of different legal certificates. At the back of the book, there is a section on wills, trusts and funeral arrangements and another with a checklist to review annually — in case any sections need to be updated because of changes that have occurred. I also bought the portfolio offered with the book to organize important documents.

"On a day-to-day basis, I try to give Kenny and our daughter Lexi my best, in order to make their lives happier. It only makes sense to do everything I can to make life easier for them if I can no longer care for them. And, by the same token, if something ever happens to Kenny, everything will be organized to make a difficult situation less stressful."



For more details on *If Something Happens to Me*, see [HerHome.com/products](http://HerHome.com/products)