

Where is it?

The Reid family is approaching our 10th anniversary in Cowley County. However, some of my family members are still confused about where things are stored in the kitchen. If they can't find something in the kitchen, would they be able to find items or information in an emergency?

Since we've had a bit more time at home, getting organized and splitting household tasks has been a priority. One task I plan to accomplish is to document my family's various valuable records. Your family is like a small business unit that deserves to be operated as efficiently as any other business.

My colleague, Elizabeth Kiss, is a financial management extension specialist. She has updated a free resource that is available for downloading and printing called "Our Valuable Records." It can be accessed at bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF685.pdf. The multiple questions will help anyone gather important information in one place. Copies can be shared with appropriate family members and stored in a safety deposit box or other secure location.

Information in an easy-to-retrieve format is vital in the event of a natural disaster or a health emergency. The form includes space for family members' names, birthdates and more, plus contact information space for key advisers, such as attorney, executor, doctor, religious adviser, insurance agents, and banker. It can also help gather basic information about vehicles and other property and credit, bank and retirement accounts.

Helping families and community partners connect with resources is a key component of K-State Research and Extension. Our office team is working remotely while our physical office is closed, please contact us at 221-5450 or 441-4565.

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