A Strong Plan Starts With Five Decisions

1. ***Your will*** - Record your wishes
2. ***Beneficiaries*** - Keep designations current.
3. ***Health care*** - Choose a trusted decision-maker
4. ***Finances*** - Plan for incapacity
5. ***Your Legacy*** - Give with intention.

- **Tip 1: Understand Why Having a Will Matters**. A will gives you a way to document your intentions. Without one, the result may not reflect what you would have chosen.

  A Practical Next Step: If you do not have a will, begin the conversation. If you do, confirm that it still reflects your wishes.

- **Tip 2: Review Your Beneficiary Designations.** Beneficiary choices can become outdated as life and relationships change. A periodic review helps keep your plan aligned with your intentions.

  A Practical Next Step: make a list of your current designations and flag anything that may need to be updated.

- **Tip 3: Choose a Healthcare Decision-Maker.** A healthcare power of attorney allows you to identify someone you trust to make healch care decisions if the need arises.

  A Practical Next Step: Choose the right person, discuss your wishes, and make sure the document is in place.

- **Tip 4: Plan for Financial Decision-Making.** A financial power of attorney can authorize someone you trust to act and may help reduce the need for court involvment.

  A Practical Next Step: Consider who is dependable, organized, and appropriate for the responsiblity.

- **Tip 5: Plan the Legacy You Want to Leave.** Legacy planning can include charitable giving that supports organizations you care about, including HopeHealth.

  A Practical Next Step: Identify what you want your plan to express - not only what you want it to distribute.

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