# Inherited crypto? First steps

For the first days and weeks. Nothing on this sheet is urgent: crypto doesn't expire. The mistakes that can't be undone are the ones made in a hurry.

> **Three rules.** Never type seed words (12 or 24 words) into a website, app, email or chat. Never pay anyone who offers to "recover" crypto. Never log in to the person's exchange account as them; use the exchange's own process for deceased customers.

## In the first days

- ☐ Gather devices and papers: phones, laptops, USB-stick-like devices, notebooks, metal plates or cards with words, envelopes. Lock them away together.
- ☐ Don't try PINs. Hardware wallets wipe themselves after a few wrong attempts (Ledger: three).
- ☐ Look for a letter of instruction: with the will, in a safe, with the lawyer or notary.
- ☐ Say nothing online about crypto. Scammers watch for it.
- ☐ Keep the phone number and email account paid for and alive: login codes go there.
- ☐ Tell the executor, lawyer or notary that crypto is involved.

## In the following weeks

- ☐ List everything found, where, and what it seems to be (use the asset inventory sheet).
- ☐ Search bank statements, email and tax papers for exchange names: Coinbase, Kraken, Binance, Bitvavo, Revolut and others.
- ☐ Get the probate or inheritance document started with the lawyer or notary; exchanges need it.
- ☐ Note the value of each holding on the date of death, with the source.
- ☐ Send claims to exchanges through their official websites, all at once, once the document is in.
- ☐ Read the wallet pages on cryptoinheritanceguide.com before touching any seed words or devices.

## Who you may talk to

**Executor / lawyer / notary** _____

**Helper named in the letter of instruction** _____

**Accountant / tax adviser** _____

Anyone who contacts *you* first, offers help for a fee, or asks for the words: no.

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