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WHAT TO DO AFTER SOMEONE DIES

Notify the government

Then, order an official proof of death from the Directeur de l'état civil (registrar of civil status)

Organize the funeral

Request a search in the registry of funeral prearrangements

Is there a contract listed in the registry?

Yes

Carry out the wishes of the deceased

Pay the funeral expenses and ask for a partial reimbursement from the government

No

Do you have access to a will or funeral wishes?

Yes

No

Come to an agreement with the deceased's loved ones

Carry out a will search

Is there a will?

WILL

Yes, there is a notarized will

Get a certified copy

Yes, there is a will that was not made by a notary

Have the will probated before a court or a notary

No

Identify the people who can inherit according to the law and make a declaration of heredity

The liquidator may go ahead with the settling (liquidation) of the estate

IMPORTANT!
If the deceased had debts, even if they are unknown or forgotten, the heirs may need to pay them out of their own pockets! You need to fulfill certain formalities to avoid this.

Talk to a lawyer or notary.

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