



Apple lets you designate one or more **legacy contacts**, which are trusted individuals who can access certain data in your Apple account after your death. This data can include your messages, photos, files, notes, and more. A legacy contact can also request for your account data to be **permanently deleted**.

Legacy contacts **cannot** access your:

- Purchases (music, movies, books)
- Subscriptions
- iCloud Keychain (passwords, payment information, passkeys)

Your Legacy contact must be at least **13 years old**, and they do not need to have an Apple account or Apple device.

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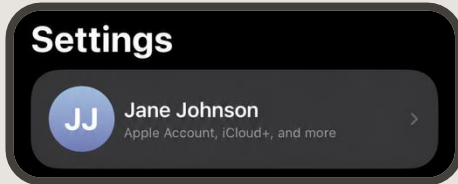
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Digital Legacy Planning

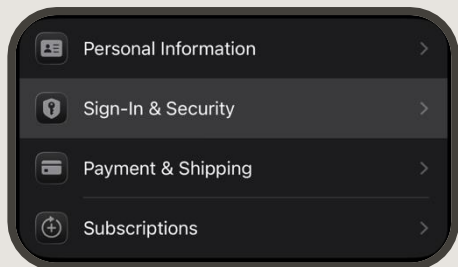
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Legacy Contacts

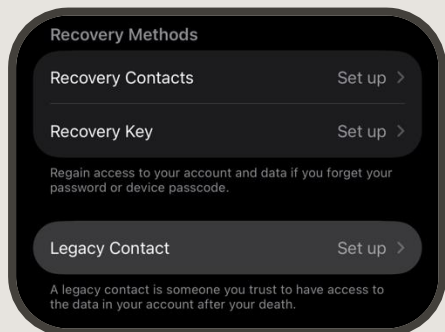
- 1 Go to the **Settings** app and tap your name.



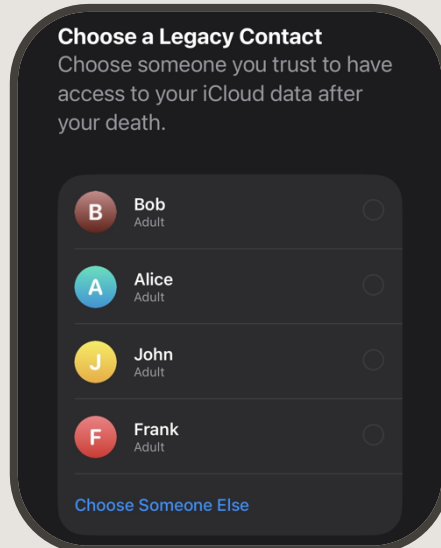
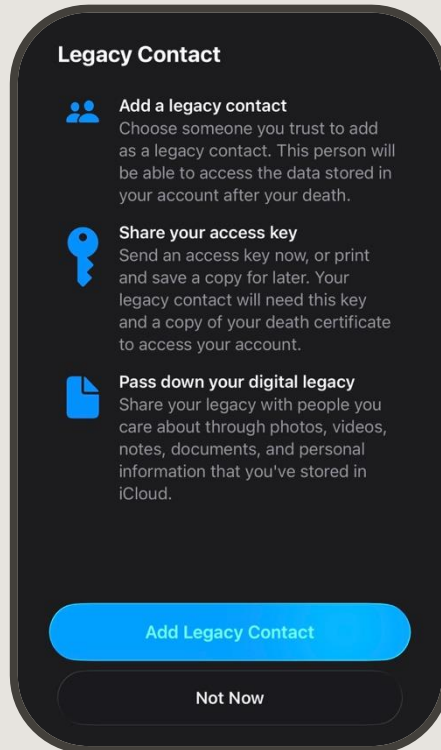
- 2 Select **Sign-In & Security**.



- 3 Choose **Legacy Contact** under *Recovery Methods*.



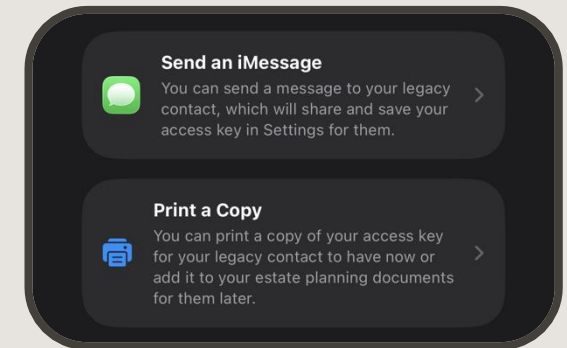
- 4 Tap **Add Legacy Contact** and choose someone from Family Sharing or from your Contacts.



Access Keys

The **Access Key** is provided as a **QR code** and is required by your Legacy Contact to access your iCloud data.

- 5 Share the Access Key with:
 - **iMessage** (their device stores it automatically), or
 - **Printing** or sending a **PDF/screenshot**



Legacy Contact setup is now complete!

Without a Legacy Contact

To access or delete your account without a legacy contact, your loved ones will need to submit a formal request to Apple with legal documentation, such as a death certificate.