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LifeCounsel® Digital Vault Selection Checklist

Use this checklist to compare and select the best password manager or digital vault for your estate and digital legacy planning. LifeCounsel® recommends tools that offer encrypted security, easy access for trusted contacts, and long-term stability.

Top Recommended Tools (2025)

1Password

- ✓ Emergency Access for trusted contacts
- ✓ Secure document storage (e.g., trust clauses, legacy wishes)
- ✓ Excellent for families and shared vaults

Bitwarden

- ✓ Open-source and affordable
- ✓ Self-hosting option for tech-savvy users
- ✓ Great for solo use or minimal setup

Dashlane

- ✓ Includes VPN and dark web monitoring
- ✓ Excellent visual alerts for breaches

- ✓ Ideal for privacy-focused clients

Other Mentions

- ✓ Keeper – Strong encryption and audit trails
- ✓ NordPass – Sleek interface, good backups

What to Look For in Any Password Manager:

- ✓ Emergency access delegation
- ✓ Encrypted notes and document storage
- ✓ Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) options
- ✓ Cross-platform availability (desktop, mobile, browser)
- ✓ Clear policies on digital legacy or account succession