

What is a legacy contact and what can they do with my Facebook account?

A legacy contact is someone you choose to look after your account if it's [memorialized](#). If you [add a legacy contact](#), that person will be able to make decisions about your account once it is memorialized.

Your legacy contact can:

- Write a pinned post for your profile (example: to share a final message on your behalf or provide information about a memorial service).
- Update your profile picture and cover photo.
- Request the removal of your account.
- [Download a copy](#) of what you've shared on Facebook, if you have this feature turned on.

We may add more capabilities for legacy contacts in the future.

Your legacy contact can't:

- Log into your account.
- Read your messages.
- Remove any of your friends or make new friend requests.

Learn more about [memorialization](#) and how to [add a legacy contact](#) to your account.

If you're a legacy contact, learn how to [manage a memorialized profile](#).

Note: You must be 18 or older to select a legacy contact.