Pocket Probate Checklist

Step One Register the death — order 5 certificates
Step Two Day 1 - 7 Find the will (or confirm none) & identify executor
Step Three Secure the home — lock up, shut off taps, arrange unoccupied home insurance
Step Four List money & debts — bank balances, property value, loans, utilities
Step Five Check if probate is needed — property in sole name? bank over limit?
Step Six Handle Inheritance Tax forms (even if £0 due)
Step Seven Apply online for Grant of Probate / Letters of Administration Week 2 - 4
Step Eight Collect funds, pay debts & bills, place Gazette notice
Step Nine After debts cleared Distribute inheritance exactly per will / intestacy rules
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