



Safe Deposit Box Uses

A safe deposit box is used for financial records that are difficult, costly, or impossible to replace. Safe deposit boxes are rented on a yearly basis from your financial institution for a nominal fee. The fee for the safe deposit box will vary according to the size of the box you select. The box should be large enough to hold your important papers, but it should not be used for souvenirs or unimportant papers.

The following financial records should be kept in the safe deposit box:

- Birth, death, marriage, divorce, adoption, and citizenship papers
- Deeds to properties
- Titles to motor vehicles
- Stock and bond certificates
- U.S. Savings Bonds
- Important contracts
- Military discharge and veteran papers
- Patents and copyrights
- Important electronic media
- Negatives or the actual pictures of your home inventory