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What Happens to Your Email When You're Dead?

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After you are dead and gone from this world what happens to your [email](#), your blogs, your social networking accounts? If it is hosted on a free account it might just sit there for a very long time before eventually being removed by the host. Does anyone else have the password besides you? Will your email provider turn your emails over to a relative? Is that what you would want to happen? The answer is somewhat unclear. Here is how a few top email providers respond to death requests.

[AOL](#) has assigned a full-time person to help with these kinds of questions. They also require a death certificate before they will release account information to the legal beneficiary or the estate representative.

MSN's Hotmail will provide a disk with data after it verifies the relatives are related to the deceased. Brooke Richardson, MSN lead product manager, said in a statement, "We have tried to institute a policy that is very focused on privacy, but at the same time honors the requests of bereaved family members."

And *Mercury News* said in an article (no longer available) that Yahoo would not comment on its policy. However, in another situation Yahoo terminates email accounts if a user dies and won't turn over the emails without a court order.

After Lance Cpl. Justin Ellsworth of Michigan was killed Nov. 13 while inspecting a bomb in Iraq, his father, John Ellsworth, wanted access to his son's Yahoo email account. But Yahoo, whose policy is to terminate email accounts upon a user's death, would not give him the material until a probate judge ordered the Sunnyvale company to do so.

Yahoo has a help page [here](#) explaining what can be done when a Yahoo account owner passes away.

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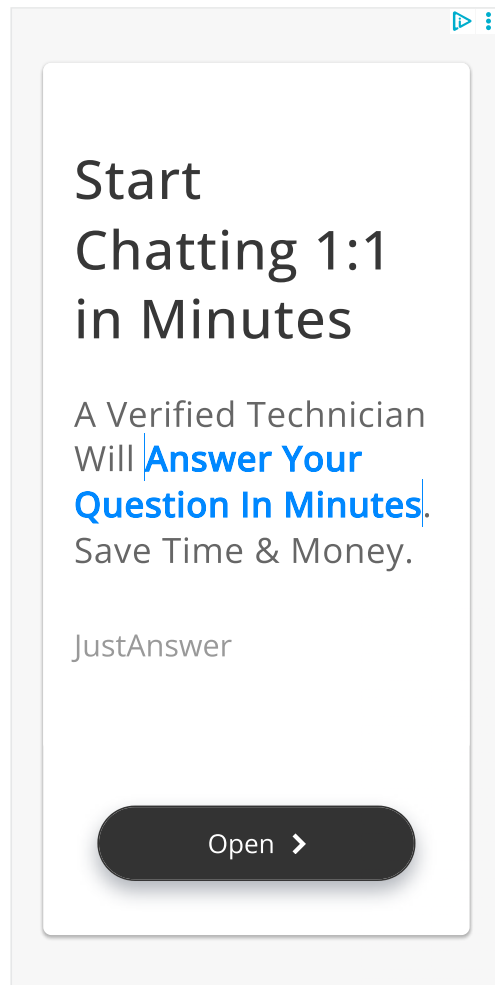
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