



**WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED TO REVOKE
A POWER OF ATTORNEY IN
NORTH CAROLINA**

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Powers of Attorney in North Carolina may be revoked by the person who executed the document. (“Principal”) But how do you accomplish this?

If the Power of Attorney has been recorded in the Register of Deeds Office...

1. The principal dies or
2. A written revocation of the power of attorney is recorded at the register of deeds. (There are some qualifiers...for example the principal must be competent and not incapacitated at the time)

If the Power of Attorney has NOT been recorded in the Register of Deeds Office...

1. The principal dies or
2. Any method that the Power of Attorney provides or
3. It is burnt, torn, canceled, obliterated, or destroyed, with the intent and for the purpose of revoking it, by the Principal himself (he/she must have capacity) or
4. It is burnt, torn, canceled, obliterated or destroyed by another person in the presence and by the direction of the Principal (he/she must have capacity)

I would suggest you contact our Charlotte Estate Planning office at 704-843-1446 prior to revoking any power of attorney. There are underlying factors not discussed above that may be present in your particular situation that need to be met first.

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