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A Guide to Making a Will

- Understand the importance of putting your affairs in order.
- Understand the importance of making a Will and keeping it under review.
- Understand the sorts of things that you can include in your Will.



Your Will – so important and so easy

Making a Will these days is easier than ever and if you've been putting it off simply because it seems daunting or expensive, then you could be making a big mistake.

A Will provides a sense of security and puts you in control of how your assets (such as your savings, your personal effects, your business and your house) will be passed on after you have died.

We can help you to put your affairs in order and set out your wishes in regard to:

- Choosing responsible executors
- Providing for your spouse or partner
- Care and financial provision for your children
- Protecting business interests
- Protecting family heirlooms from distant relatives
- Gifts to friends and family
- Leaving a legacy to a charity
- Your funeral wishes.

Did you know?

If you're married or in a civil partnership, you may believe that your estate automatically passes to your spouse or partner. But this isn't the case.

Each person or family have very different needs, so tailored advice is essential to achieve the best outcome possible.

Not having a Will means that you will die "intestate" and your estate may be divided according to law, and not your wishes. We direct you to our '***What happens if I die without making a Will***' flowchart which sets out who will inherit your estate on your death and how much.

As expert Will writing solicitors, we can help you protect the things you've worked hard for. Whether your estate is simple or complex, we can make the process of making a Will cost-effective and straightforward.

In many instances, the time when you are making or changing your Will is the perfect time to take tax advice, putting a tax efficient plan in place for the future.

Your Will – Keep it up to date

Make sure you review your Will from time to time, as it may need updating following a change in your circumstances, such as:

- Marriage, civil partnership or divorce
- Moving in with your partner
- Protecting your wealth
- Receiving an inheritance
- Changes in your personal wealth
- Developments in your business
- Other milestones such as buying a house or the birth of children or grandchildren
- Changes in the law and tax legislation

Did you know?

It is thought that around 70% of the UK population do not have a Will.

For individual advice and assistance contact our Wills, Trusts and Probate Team to find out how we can help

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We deliver excellent legal services with a human touch and are proud to have a reputation for being approachable and going the extra mile for our clients. We provide high quality, pragmatic advice and offer a comprehensive range of legal services, delivered by experts and supported by our culture of respect and understanding.

Our expertise includes:

- Wills, estate and succession planning;
- Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection;
- Administration of estates and post death planning;
- Trust creation and administration;
- Will disputes;
- Matrimonial and family law; and
- Buying and selling a property

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