



wills fact sheet

why make a will?

1. To ensure what you own when you die is shared out to family, friends or charities you wish to benefit.
2. Unless you leave a Will setting out exactly how you wish everything to be distributed there is a risk that your belongings could be divided and shared out in a way that you would not have intended or liked. For example, if you are married and do not have a Will it is quite possible that all of your property will not pass to your surviving spouse—surviving spouses are not always entitled to everything.
3. Death is a time of great stress to those you love most. Not to have made a Will can only add to that stress.
4. To ensure that someone you trust acts for you when you die. This is done by appointing Executors in your Will. Executors can be responsible family or friends or you can choose to appoint a professional Executor such as a Solicitor or Accountant. It does not matter that your Executor stands to benefit from your Will.
5. To save tax. Often the value of assets at death (including your home) exceeds the threshold at which tax becomes payable. A well drafted Will can substantially reduce such a tax liability.
6. If you have children under the age of 18 years you should consider what would happen to them and where they would live if you died. Guardians can be appointed by your Will to give you peace of mind in this respect.

how to make a will

Your Will is a legal document that has to be signed and witnessed and lodged in a safe place. Your Will has to make your wishes crystal clear with no room for doubts or misunderstandings. The best way of ensuring this is to have it written for you by a Solicitor or Legal Executive with the necessary expertise. If you try to make your own Will mistakes can easily occur and you could quite accidentally create serious difficulties and expense for the persons you intend to benefit.

how much will it cost?

We charge as little as £75 for a simple Will drawn up by an experienced Solicitor or Legal Executive which is a small price for peace of mind. The more complicated your Will is the more we will need to charge but we are always happy to give an estimate of the cost at your initial interview.





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