

Why every adult should have a **Will**



Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to make sure your wishes are fulfilled, giving you peace of mind.

Why now?

Of course we hope we won't need a will for a long time, but it's vital for looking after the people you love and the causes you support when you die. We all find reasons to put off making one or never quite get around to it, but think what would happen, for example, if you were to die unexpectedly. Your family, as well as you, need peace of mind.

Some reasons for making a will

You decide what happens

If you die without a will, the law sets out rules about what happens to your estate. Unfortunately, the rules may not coincide with what you want.

You can take care of the children

If you have children under 18, do you want the courts to decide who will look after them? You need to name guardians in your will in case both parents die. You choose what is best for your family, instead of making a stranger do so.

Your property is protected

If you are not married (or in a civil partnership), your partner will not

inherit your assets unless you have written this in a will.

Everyone you care about can benefit

If you've been married or divorced since you made a will, it may not be valid. Would you like children from a previous relationship to benefit? An up-to-date will makes your intentions clear.

You can leave a lasting gift

Many charities rely on legacies. Would you like to leave a gift to the church as a thank you present and to continue your ministry?

For peace of mind for you and your loved ones

Dying without a will could cause significant financial problems for the people you care about. Once a will is made, you know that if the worst happens, your executors will be able to deal with your estate the way you want.

To make it easy for your loved ones

Without a will, those you want to benefit may have to wait a long time to receive your estate.

A will is a sound financial investment

A simple will usually costs between £150 and £250. Mirrored wills can be had for an extra £70. There are free and discount will writing schemes out there. See www.churchlegacy.org.uk/cost for more information.

Now is the time to make a will and ensure your legacy.

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