

making a will makes sense



Why make a Will?

A Will is one of those things that everyone should have; and yet only about a third of people ever bother. Why should this be? Why do we need a Will anyway?

When you die your property and affairs will need to be dealt with. By making a Will, you can ensure that they are dealt with in the way that you would want, and that any specific intentions which you have for the disposal of your home, money or possessions are carried out efficiently after your death.

But I have nothing to leave

It is a common misunderstanding that you need to be wealthy to need a Will. This is not necessarily the case. Many people own their own house or have life assurance policies, investments, building society accounts and shares. Those assets alone could be worth several hundreds of thousands of pounds and it would be irresponsible not to ensure that they were dealt with properly.

Making a Will is complicated and expensive expensive

Nothing could be further from the truth. A basic Will can be prepared by us from fairly brief instructions. If your estate is more complicated, then we can advise you of the best way to arrange your affairs so as to cause as few problems for your executors and beneficiaries.

Everything will go to my nearest relative anyway

Many people assume that when they die their next of kin, for example a husband, wife or child will automatically receive the whole of their estate. This is not always so.

When a person dies without having made a Will, the Intestacy Rules will apply and it is those Rules which will govern who gets what. For example, in the case of someone who dies leaving a husband or wife but no children, the husband or wife can find that they are sharing the estate with the person's brothers, sisters or parents.

I do not need a proper Will because I have made my own

Making your own Will can be a risky business. The problem is that you will not be around to tell everyone what you really meant to say. The end result may be that either your Will fails to do what you expected it would do or that it simply does not stand up legally. It is far safer to take professional advice and have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that your estate will be dealt with as you wished.



I am all right – I made a Will when I left school

Both marriage and divorce can, in certain circumstances, make your Will invalid and leave the Intestacy Rules to apply. It is essential that your Will is kept up to date and that you inform us of any changes in your life that could affect it.

But I do not have anyone who would be my executor

An executor is the person who will be responsible for looking after your affairs when you die and ensuring your estate is administered properly. You should, therefore, choose someone who you know and trust.

If, however, there is no one that you feel would be able to do this for you, then we would be pleased to act as your executor either alone or jointly with a friend or relative.

How do I go about making a Will?

Making a Will is quite painless and we will be more than happy to help you to make one.

If we have acted for you before, then please contact the person that you last dealt with and they will make the necessary arrangements.

If we have not acted for you before, then please contact our receptionist who will be pleased to refer you to the right person in the firm.

Stop putting it off – make a Will today.