

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE FOR SIGNING YOUR WILL

For your will to be valid you MUST follow these legal requirements when signing:

1. Two witnesses must be present with you at the same time who are:
 - Adults (over the age of 18);
 - Of sound mind; and
 - Not named in the will (other than as an executor or trustee), nor related to you or anyone named in the will by blood or marriage.
2. Date the will where indicated.
3. Sign with your usual signature using your first name (or initial) and last name.
4. Each witness must sign where indicated with their usual signature and writing their full name, home address and occupation.
5. If you make a mistake and correct something, you and the witnesses must write your initials in the margin alongside.

AFTER SIGNING YOUR WILL

It is recommended that you inform the executors of your will where it can be found and place a sealed copy with them for safekeeping. You may also wish to place a copy with the Probate Service.

You may wish to keep a loose-leaf list of your assets with your will to assist executors to locate them.

Do not staple, pin, paper-clip or attach anything to your will (otherwise after your death questions may be asked whether some amendment had been added).

If you marry or become a civil partner after the date of your will in most cases it will be revoked unless your will cites an expected marriage or civil partnership with that person. If your will is revoked you will need to make a further will.

You may also need to make a new will if:

- you or someone named in the will changes their name;
- anyone named in the will dies or becomes unable to act;
- you dispose of or sell any specific gifts;
- you divorce;
- you have inheritance tax concerns or change your wishes;
- you acquire assets in a foreign country or make a later will there.

You can revoke your will by destroying it or by creating a new will using our service.

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