

Wills

Why do I need a Will?

Unless you have a Will, legislation sets out who will receive your estate. In some circumstances this can either be the family members you don't want to benefit or it could even end up being the government. A Will allows you to leave your estate to whom you choose.

I have a Will, why do I need to review it?

A Will can easily become out of date. The inheritance tax rules may change, your financial circumstances may change, the addition or growing up of grandchildren may all be a reason to review your Will. We recommend you review your will every five years or so.

I only want to make a small change, do I have to do a new Will?

If only a small change is needed, for example to include a cash gift to a friend, you can do this by way of a "Codicil", which is an addition to your Will. For more significant changes a new Will is recommended. In any event, with the advent of computers, changing the original Will is often simpler than a Codicil.

How can I find out if I really need to change my Will?

We are happy to give advice over the phone as to whether there is a real need to alter your Will. There is no charge for this.

Who should be my executors?

Someone you trust. Your executors are the persons responsible for dealing with your affairs on your death. It should be someone you feel is able to do what sometimes can be an onerous job. If you wish to receive information on professional executors please let us know.

The people named in my will have moved; do I need to do a new Will?

No, a change of address will not invalidate a Will. A letter kept with your Will of current addresses is useful.

How much does it cost?

Our charges start from £295 plus VAT for a Will.

What do I do next?

If you have any queries about making a Will or would like to make one please contact one of our specialist solicitors below.



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