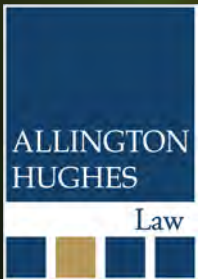


Making a Will

What do I need to consider?



Who will be your Executors?

One very important reason for making a Will is to appoint your Executors.

Your Executors take control of your assets when you die and deal with them as you instruct in your Will.

This appointment takes immediate effect upon your death.

Without a Will, or a valid appointment in a Will, only the Probate Court can appoint and authorize someone, which can take many weeks.

Your Executor:

- Must be someone you trust
- Can be a beneficiary in the Will
- Spouses can appoint each other
- Always consider a substitute Executor
- You can appoint any number of Executors but it is unusual to appoint more than four.

Your Funeral

Your Will is a good place to set out your wishes for your funeral.

Instructions can be in your Will itself, or in a letter which is kept with your Will and so quickly found following your death.

This might simply state whether you wish to be cremated or buried, with more detail put in the separate letter.

A copy of the letter should be kept at home as well as with your Will.

Your Family

Be ready to discuss the make-up of your family.

- Immediate family and wider family
- Are you in a second marriage?
- Do you or your spouse have children from previous relationships
- Have you lost contact with children or brothers and sisters?
- Do you need a Trust in your Will because of an elderly, disabled or young beneficiary?

Your Assets

Be prepared to discuss your assets.

- Inheritance Tax planning
- Planning for nursing home fees
- Opportunity to re-arrange assets and consider lifetime gifts (including into Trusts)

Other Considerations

You should always have Lasting Powers of Attorney in place

- Health and Welfare
- Property and Financial Affairs

Including any Advanced Decisions to Refuse Treatment.

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