



Wills

A will is a legal document that says who gets your belongings and assets when you pass away. For example, your money, house, and other valuable things.
It's a good idea for everyone over the age of 18 years to have a will.

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Choose someone to carry out your will

Pick a responsible person ('executor') to handle your will when you pass away. They make sure your wishes are followed.

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Decide who you want to get your belongings and assets ('beneficiaries')

Your beneficiaries can be anyone of any age, or a charity. You should think about your second beneficiaries, just in case your first beneficiaries have passed away before you. You can decide if anyone will get a gift, like jewellery or money.

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Choose a guardian

If you have children under 18, choose someone to take care of them.

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See a lawyer

A lawyer will write your will for you and make sure it follows the law.

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Sign your will

You need 2 people over 18 years old ('witnesses') to also sign your will. You must do this with the same pen, at the same place and time.

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Keep your will safe

You can store your will at home. Tell your executor where it is. You can take a photocopy of your signed will.

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Update your will

You may need to update your will when big changes happen (marriage, divorce, children). You might change your mind about your beneficiaries.

Get help

Encompass Legal & Community Services
cannot
help you with a will.

For help with a will, please contact a service below.

Get help with a will	
Citizen's Advice Bureau	(08) 9221 5711
Midlas (over 65*) <i>*55 indigenous</i>	(08) 9250 2123
Public Trustee WA	1300 746 116
Law Society of WA	(08) 9324 8600

Services may charge a fee.