

**Q. Do I really need a Will?**

A. You do not need a Will but having a Will means you are in control of who benefits from your assets when you are not here. A Will means you can make gifts to people who would not normally inherit your estate such as friends, some relatives and charities.

Q. What happens if I don't make a Will?

A. If you do not make a Will the Rules of Intestacy dictates who will benefit from your estate (see on reverse). This can sometimes result in family members you do not know, or like, benefiting from your assets.

Q. What is a Mirror Will?

A. Mirror Wills are wills made by you and your partner (you do not have to be married to make mirror wills) and you usually leave everything to each other and then, when you have both died, to the same people such as children or family members.

This type of Will is designed for couples who have similar wishes as the Wills, although you have one each, are almost identical.

If you would like to discuss making Mirror Wills, please contact us.

Q. What is an executor?

A. Executors are the people named in your will to carry out your wishes after you die. They are also responsible for all aspect of your estate including payment of debts, funeral expenses and making sure your estate is distributed to your beneficiaries correctly.

Q. Who can be an executor?

A. Anyone over 18 can be an executor. Your beneficiaries can also be named as executor, and many people choose to name their partner and/or children.

Q. Is there anything I can do to avoid paying for care home fees?

A. This can be a complex issue and our advice varies depending on your personal circumstances. We have prepared a Care Home FAQ, but if you would like to discuss this further, we recommend arranging a meeting with one of our solicitors as our advice will be tailored to your personal circumstances.

Q. I have a child with disabilities and don't want them to inherit a large amount of money, but I don't want to leave them out either. What can I do?

A. If you have a family member, or loved one, who is vulnerable please contact us to discuss the options for them in your Will. It is possible to include a trust in your Will which will allow for them to be included but will also name people to look after the money for them (the Trustees) and can also be beneficial if they are on means tested benefits.

We understand that every family is different and that is why our advice will always be tailored to your personal circumstances. If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact our expert team.

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to make an appointment
with one of our specialist
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RULES OF INTESTACY. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DIE WITHOUT MAKING A WILL?

