

Is Your Will Registered?



Register your Will,
to protect it today

Making A Will

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the National Will Register

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MAKING A WILL IS QUICK AND EASY

It does not signify the end, instead it secures the clarity of your estate for the future.

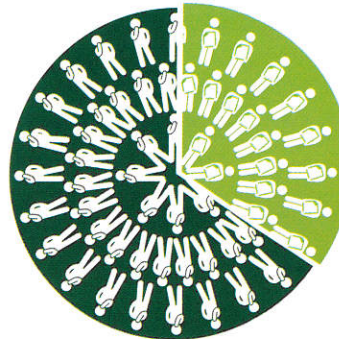
MAKING A WILL IS VITALLY IMPORTANT

It is often assumed that if you do not make a Will your possessions are automatically left to your loved ones in their entirety. A cautionary note, this is not necessarily correct and depends upon your personal circumstances.

Making a Will with your solicitor will not only ensure that your estate is distributed as you wish but it will avoid all the final penalties and complications your estate can fall into if you do not have a Will.

MAKING A WILL IS OFTEN CONSIDERED EXPENSIVE

It's not. Having a Will professionally written could in fact save your family thousands of pounds. Most of us require a fairly uncomplicated Will that is not expensive. Ask your solicitor for more information today.



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A recent public survey commissioned by Certainty the National Will Register showed that 67% of people did not know where to find their parents' Will. Ask your solicitor to register your Will today.

Writing a Will and regularly reviewing it is one of the most important things you can do for your loved ones. Therefore ensuring that your family can find it when you have passed on is essential.

WHY REGISTER YOUR WILL TODAY?

If a Will can't be found after your death then your assets will be distributed in accordance with the intestacy rules, not necessarily in the way you would have wished.

If you are about to write your Will or already have a Will then your solicitor will happily register it for you.

It takes just 60 seconds to record the details that ensure if your Will is lost, misplaced or forgotten over the passage of time, it can be instantly found.

N.B. The register does not see or store a copy of your Will, your Will stays safely with your solicitor. It also does not disclose that you have a Will or that it is registered. However if for any reason in the future your executors, beneficiaries or family cannot find your Will or forget where the original was written and stored, they can search. Their search enquiry is sent to the solicitor your Will is registered to. **Only when your solicitor is happy that the searcher is an executor or beneficiary and can provide a death certificate, will the Will be discussed.**

Missing Will, Lost Will, Later Will?



We provide a Will search service

Will Search



It is an unfortunate reality that when a loved one passes on you may find yourself in one of the following situations:

- not being able to find their Will
- unsure if they actually wrote a Will or
- uncertain that you have the most up-to-date Will

Certainty the National Will Register and your solicitor can assist through a Certainty Will Search. This is a quick process that accesses millions of Will records. Not only does it search for Wills that are registered but it also searches nationally for Wills that have not been registered.

PROTECT YOURSELF WITH A CERTAINTY WILL SEARCH

The National Will Register and its Will search service are designed to help protect executors, administrators and beneficiaries against the risks associated with the distribution of an estate on an assumed intestacy basis, or using a Will that may have been superseded by a later unknown version.

One in every ten Certainty Will searches results in a Will being found where one was thought never to have been written or the Will being used to distribute the estate had been superseded by the newer found Will.

“We were unsure if a Will existed, fortunately we did a Will search prior to distributing the estate and found it”.
- R Jeffries

“We had a Will but the Certainty Will search found a newer one”.
- D Brown

PROBATE

N.B. Executors and administrators have the legal authority, responsibility and duty to distribute the deceased's estate and can be held financially responsible for any mistakes made through any breach of duty.

To help avoid issues arising later in the process of distributing an estate, it is important to identify as early as possible whether a Will actually exists or, if you have a Will, that is the latest version of the Will and a newer Will does not exist elsewhere.

To help confirm the existence of a Will or help prove the Will you hold is the last Will, we recommend a Certainty Will Search be undertaken.

EXECUTOR PROTECTION

A Certainty Will Search provides you with a Will Search Report that can be placed on file to show that reasonable steps have been taken to search for a Will or prove the last Will.

The cost of the search is an allowable disbursement so can be paid for from the estate.

- Certainty Will Register Search - search for a registered Will: £38.00 +vat.
- Certainty Will Search Combined - search for a registered Will and nationally for Wills that have not been registered: £95.00 +vat.

Ask your solicitor to undertake a search on your behalf.

The National Will Register is endorsed by the Law Society of England and Wales. Will Search and Will Registration are legally endorsed and accredited services.

