

Making a Will

Why make a Will?

A Will is a legal document which records your instructions as to how your estate is to be dealt with after your death.

There is a common misconception among many people that if you are married, in a civil partnership or have adult children then you do not need to make a Will. This is not necessarily the case.





What happens if I die without having made a Will?

If you die without having made a Will your estate will be divided according to the Intestacy Rules which is a hierarchy of relatives that receive your estate. The estate will not necessarily automatically pass to your spouse/civil partner. It will depend on the value of your estate.

Furthermore, increasingly people live together without

getting married or forming a civil partnership. In this instance your partner will not inherit any of your estate if you do not make a Will. This may leave them in financial difficulty after your death and force them to make a claim against your estate, which can be an emotionally draining, lengthy and expensive process.



There may be other family members that are of concern. For example; if you have young children you may need to make a Will to appoint a Guardian to care for them in the event of your death. You may have loved ones that you wish to benefit from your estate but need the extra protection of a trust to safeguard their inheritance.

This can be created in your Will. You may want to remember your favourite charity in your Will by leaving them a legacy or share of your estate. You may even want to set out who will take care of your much loved pet!



A Will gives you the opportunity to record clearly how your estate is to be administered and divided. At Bury & Walkers we have a friendly and approachable team experienced in drafting Wills; from simple Wills to more complex trusts or tax planning Wills.

If you would like further advice about your Will please contact our private client team.

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