



**A Will – for those
you leave behind**

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Life's legal
process
explained

Making a Will. Your Questions Answered

Do I really need a Will?

Yes. Even if you're not sure how much you will leave when you die. Without a Will you have little control over what happens to your assets after you die.

Won't my spouse or civil partner inherit my estate even if I don't leave a Will?

If you die without a Will (intestate), your spouse or civil partner may not inherit everything – your estate may be split between your spouse and other family members.



I've been living with my common law wife/husband for 30 years. Surely I don't need a Will?

Did you know legally, there's no such thing as a common law wife or husband? That's fundamentally important when it comes to inheritance. No matter how long you've been together, if you don't leave a Will, your partner will not be legally entitled to any of your estate. They will need to make a claim against your estate to receive any part of it.

I have no partner. Will my estate go automatically to my children?

It will pass to your children at the age of 18. By creating a Will, you can specify when they benefit, and who will look after their assets until then. And you can nominate a legal guardian to look after your children after you've gone.

Is getting a Will complicated?

It doesn't have to be. The document can be as simple or complicated as you want, but it is our job to deal with the complexities, ensuring your wishes are expressed clearly.



How much does a Will cost?

This will depend on its complexity. Once we know more about your circumstances, we can provide you with an estimate of our charges.

What will my Will say?

Your Will is your way of ensuring your wishes are carried out after your death. You can appoint people you trust to deal with your assets and your wishes – these are your executors and trustees.



Can I make gifts?

You can make gifts to people or charities, and of course, say who receives your remaining estate after debts and expenses are paid.

I have specific wishes for my funeral. Can I put them in my Will?

Yes. You can leave instructions about your funeral, as well as your burial or cremation.

What about inheritance tax?

A properly written Will can significantly reduce the inheritance tax payable on your estate. Once we know more about you, we can structure your Will to take into account any gifts you have already made, or you intend to make.

What should I do before having my Will drawn up?

There may be some things that you need to consider before having your Will drawn up. For example, do you hold property jointly? Or do you have a pension plan that pays death in service benefits? You may want to consider taking out life insurance policies to protect those left behind.



What should I do next?

Call us. We can then send you our Will Questionnaire in the mail or direct you to our website where you can complete everything online.

Once we have the questionnaire, we will have a better understanding of your needs, and we'll send you a free quotation.

For further information simply send an e-mail to **willsandprobate@glazerdelmar.com** or telephone **020 8299 0021**.

What else can we do for you?

In addition to dealing with Wills, we can administer estates and set up and administer Trusts. We are also able to give you tax advice, and tell you if you need specialist advice. We also deal with Lasting Powers of Attorney and agreements between family members.

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