



Making a Will

Advice and expertise to give you and your family peace of mind

Why make a Will with Slade Legal

We spend most of our lives working hard to provide for ourselves and our family. You may have a property, shares, savings, investments as well as your personal possessions. All of these assets are called your 'estate'. Making a Will is important as it ensures that when you die your estate is distributed according to your wishes.

Slade Legal believes that everyone should have a Will, but it is even more important if you have children, you own a property or have savings, investments, insurance policies or you own a business.

What do you need to disclose to your solicitor?

You will need to tell us about your assets, for example, property that you own in the UK and abroad, vehicles, savings, bonds, shares and businesses.

We can also discuss your pension arrangements in the event of your death.

You also need to tell us about your family - who you want to benefit (and anyone you don't).

Executors

When you are writing your Will you must name the people you would like to appoint as 'Executors' of your Will. This can be one person or up to four who will be responsible for carrying out your wishes after your death. You can choose friends or family members, or a professional such as your solicitor.

When you are choosing your Executors you may want to think about someone who is familiar with financial matters. Please make sure you ask your Executors whether they are happy to take on this duty as there are serious responsibilities involved.

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Beneficiaries

You need to decide how your estate is to be distributed - to your spouse? Your partner? Your family? Your friends? Or charities?

Children under 18

If you have any children who may still be under 18 when you die, you must name someone to be their legal guardian and look after them. We will talk to you about arrangements to provide for them financially (e.g. by using a trust which they can access when they are older), and you will choose trustees to be in charge of these arrangements.

Safeguarding an inheritance

If you have a spouse or partner and you pass away first, it will be important to protect and look after that person in the future. Perhaps you also have children (or other family members) and you would like to make sure they inherit in the long run. We can advise you on the options and put in place arrangements to safeguard their inheritance, whatever may happen during the rest of your spouse or partners' lifetime.

This may be important to give you and your family confidence and peace of mind about the future.

