

An easy to read guide to making a will

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Who can I leave things to?

A will is a special document that is made for a person.

It is a list of all the things you own



You may own a lot of different things like a television, CDs, jewellery, camera, mobile phone.

You may own a house or a car or have money in a bank account.



In your will you say what you would like to happen to the things you own when you die.

Choosing a person to give things to after you die is called "leaving" in a will.



Who can I leave things to?

You can leave your things to whoever you like.

If you have a husband or wife or children you must leave them a certain amount.

You can leave things to friends or family members.



You pick a person who will carry out the wishes in the will.

This is a person that you trust.

That person is called an **Executor**



What if I don't make a will?

If you don't make a will, then you have no say in what happens to your things after you die.

Your closest family will get all of your stuff and your friends will not get anything.



Are there any rules about making a will?

You have to be 18 years old or over.

You have to understand what a will is.

You have to sign the will.



If you can't sign your name you can make a mark.

If you can't write at all you can get someone to sign it for you.

How do I make a Will?

You need a person called a solicitor to help you make a will.



You will have to pay the solicitor money to draw up the will for you.

The solicitor will make sure that you understand what you are doing and that you have made all your own decisions.



You make your will and sign it with the solicitor

Changing a Will

If you change your mind about who you want to leave things to, you can change your will.

Your solicitor will help you make changes to your will.

You can change your will as many times as you want.



