

What you need to know about Wills

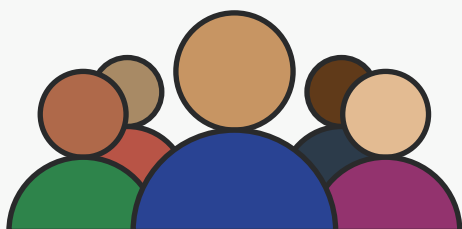
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About this document



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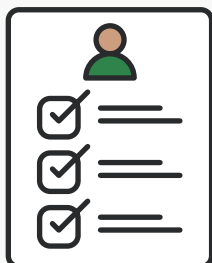
We wrote this document to
tell you about Wills.



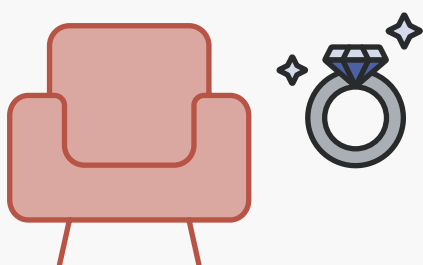
This document tells you about:

- what a Will is
- why you need a Will
- how to make a Will
- how to change a Will.

What a Will is

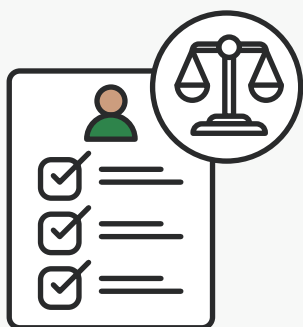


A Will is a document everyone should make.



Your Will says what you want to happen after you die, like:

- how you want to share the things you own
- who should get the things you own.



A Will is a legal document. Legal document means people must follow what it says.

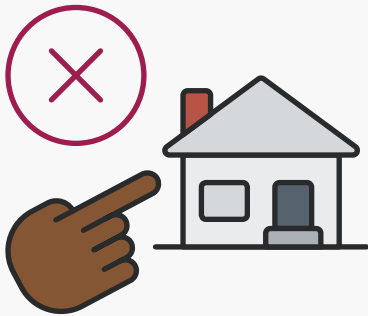


You can say who you want your executor to be. An executor is the person who follows the instructions in your Will.



You can read more about executors in our other Easy Read document. The document is called **What you need to know about executors**.

What happens if you die without a Will



If you do not have a Will when you die, you do not get to choose what happens to your things and your assets.

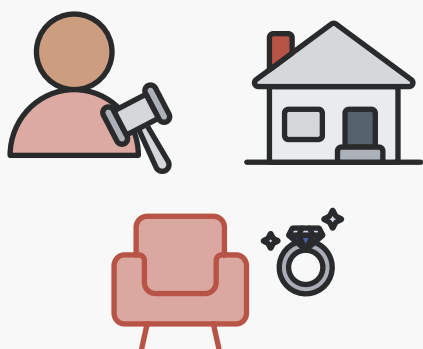


Assets are money and things you own that are worth money.



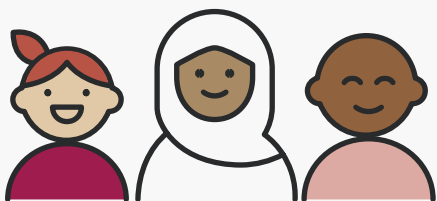
If you die without a Will in Queensland, there are rules in the law people must follow about what happens to your things and assets.

What to think about when you make your Will



When you make your Will, there are many things you should think about, like:

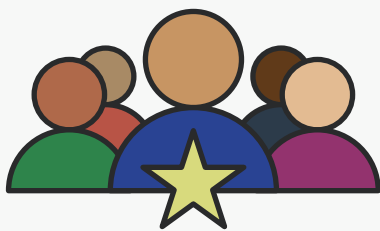
- who you want to be the executor
- what all your things and assets are
- who should get each of your things and assets.



If you have any children under 18 years old, your Will should also say who you want to take care of your children.

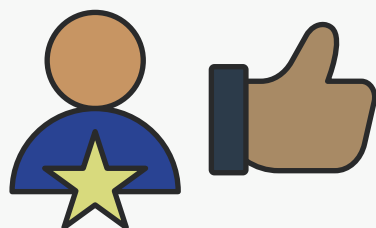
How to make a Will

Make an appointment



To make a Will, you should make an appointment with an expert, like:

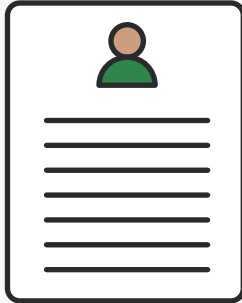
- a lawyer who knows about Wills and the law
- us at Queensland Public Trustee.



You should make a Will with experts because they:

- know about Wills
- can help you make choices about your situation, and make sure your Will is right for you
- make sure your Will works properly.

Make a list of your things



You need to make a list of all your things. For example:

- things that are special to you, like things that have been in your family for a long time
- things that are worth money.

Make sure you have the right ID



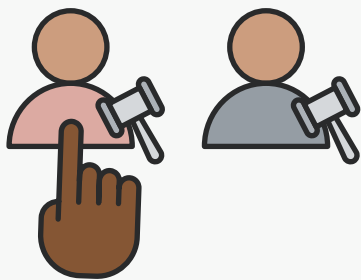
When you make a Will, you need to prove who you are with an identity document, like:

- your passport
- your driver licence
- your Queensland adult proof-of-age card.

Choose an executor



You need to choose a person to follow the instructions in your Will. This is called your executor.



Your executor will have a lot of work to do, so it is important to choose the right person.

After you make your Will



When your Will is ready, you should talk to your family about:

- what you have included in your Will
- where your Will is.

When you should change your Will



You should change your Will when important things happen in your life, like:

- you have a new child or grandchild
- you get married, separated or divorced
- the person you married dies
- your executor dies
- you retire.

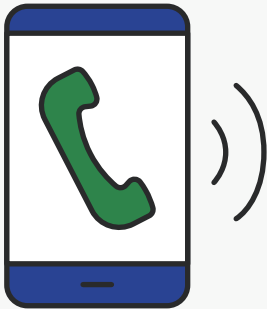


You should also change your Will if big changes happen to your assets or money situation.

Contact information

You can contact us to get more information.

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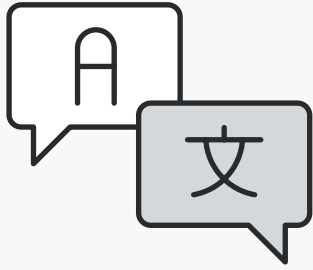
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