

Let's think about making a will.



What do I need to do?



An easy read guide for people with learning disabilities, autism or both and their family carers

## Think about these 4 things to support you to make a Will.



This booklet will help you to begin making a Will.



It's hard to think about death, but we are all going to die and it's good to know that people may benefit from the things you own when you have died.



Use this booklet to write down important information about your things or any questions you want to ask the solicitor or Will writing service.

## To make sure your instructions are carried out:



1. Work out the total value of your things. This means the value of everything you own, taking away everything you owe.



2. Who do you want to give your things to? This could be your friends, family or your favourite charity.



3. If you have children under 18 years old, you might want to choose people who are close relatives or friends to look after them.



4. Choose the person who will be responsible for carrying out your wishes. This person is called an executor. It can be a family friend, a member of your family or a solicitor. It needs to be someone you trust.



Write important information here:

<b>Your name and address</b>	
<b>Your partner's name and address</b> (if different from your own)	
<b>Your executors</b> These are the people who will make sure everything happens. You can have up to 4 executors, they could be friends or family or a solicitor (a solicitor will charge you), making a note of their full names and addresses.	
<b>Children's full names and addresses</b>	
<b>Guardian's full name and addresses</b> (if you want a guardian for your children or your pets after your death). Talk through your wishes with the people who you want to be guardians.	

Spare sheet if you need more space to write down important addresses.  
Make sure you write down who the people are, to avoid any confusion.

<b>People or organisation</b>	<b>Their address</b>

## Table A – the things you own

List your possessions here!	How much are your possessions worth?
For example your home (if you own it) Other buildings and land Cars, bikes or vans (Mobility Scooter) Home contents (furniture and fittings) Items of value (jewellery or art) Money in your savings, Do you have insurance or a pension Anything else? List below:	
<b>How much are all your things worth? Add them together (TOTAL)</b>	

## Table B – The things you owe

What things do you owe money on?	How much are your possessions worth?
For example your mortgage (if you have one), Loans and overdrafts, your credit cards (if you have them), credit agreements, other things you owe, list below:	
<b>What is the total amount you owe? Add them all together (TOTAL)</b>	

## Table C

<b>Now take away the total of table B from the total of table A. This will give you the value of the things you own.</b>	
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Decide who you would like to leave things to and list them here. You might also want to leave money to an organisation or a charity.

List this here too:

Name and address	What I want to leave	Amount (if you want to give money)



## Questions you might want to ask

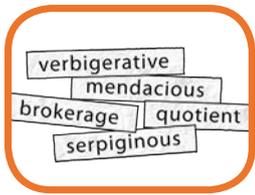
Think about any questions that you might want to ask a solicitor or a will writing service if you decide to use one.

List these here, so that you have them when you have made an appointment:

For example: A solicitor may charge you if you ask them to carry out your wishes when you die. Make sure you know the cost of this before you decide whether to use a solicitor or to ask a family member or friend.



**Write your questions here**



## Here is some information that explains the difficult words used when making a Will

Administrator	Someone who is chosen by law to handle your situation like your things, property, who gets what - if you die with no Will.
Beneficiary	Anyone who gets something from a Will.
Bequest	A gift left in a will. It can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a share of whatever is left after all debts have been settled and other gifts made.</li> <li>• a gift of a specific sum of money.</li> <li>• a gift of a particular object or property</li> </ul>
Codicil	A change to a Will that is already made
Estate	The total value of everything you own at your death, take away everything you owe.
Executor(s)	The people who do what it says in your will. An executor can be a relative, a friend or your solicitor.
Guardian(s)	The people that parents choose to look after their children in the event of their death.
Intestacy	This is what you call the problem when someone dies without leaving a Will.
Legacy	Another name for a bequest.
Probate	The way which the law decides if your Will is made correctly
Residue	The amount left from an estate when all debts, charges and gifts are taken off.
Testator (male) / Testatrix (female):	The person making the Will.
Trust	An arrangement you can make in your Will

**Be happy that you are making a Will so you and everyone around you knows what YOU want to happen after you die.**