

Wills checklist

Thinking about making a will and knowing where to start can be overwhelming. We've put together this checklist of things you should think about when planning or writing a will.

- Do you have any particular wishes in relation to your funeral arrangements?
- Who would you like to appoint as your executor?
- If you have minor children, who would you like to appoint as their guardian?
- To whom would you entrust the care of your pet(s)?
- Do you need to be concerned about inheritance tax?
- Do you need to be concerned about care fees issues?
- Do you own property or assets in multiple countries?
- Do you have any digital assets you require advice on?
- Have you thought about your business concerns?
- Do you want to leave behind any gifts to charities/local organisations etc?
- Are there any specific items you want someone to inherit?
- Who do you want to benefit from your will?
- Is there anyone you want to exclude from your will?
- What happens if a beneficiary of your will dies before you?
- Do you have chosen beneficiaries that might need their inheritance protected or may lose means tested benefits if a gift is left to them outright?
- Do you have outstanding payments / debts to be addressed?
- Should you hire a legal professional?
- Where do you plan to keep your will?
- Do you need any additional lifetime documents, such as a power of attorney?

If you need help with making your will, our solicitors can help you formalise your wishes in a legal document and advise you on the best way of protecting your assets.