

10 Reasons You Need to Make a Valid Will

Are you among the 60 percent of Americans who don't have a valid will or estate plan? Here are 10 reasons this task is too important to delay!

- 1. If You Die Intestate, the Government Takes Over.**
When you die without a will (intestate), the court will decide who gets what. It doesn't matter that you promised your classic car to your brother, or your house to your second [REDACTED]
- 2. It's Not Just For Rich People.**
No matter how much or how little you have, you should make a plan to disburse your assets after you pass. If you have no heirs, you can gift your assets to benefit a cause in [REDACTED]
- 3. It Settles Custody Disputes.**
If you have children, you need to designate a legal guardian in case both [REDACTED]
- 4. It's a Source of Comfort.**
Writing a valid will means you'll know your final wishes will be respected and the people and causes you care about will be looked after.
- 5. It Can Bring You and Your Spouse Closer.**
Writing a will is a chance to reflect on your life together — the things you care about, the things you've [REDACTED]
- 6. It's a Way to Take Care of a Spouse, Partner, Child, Grandchild ...**
Writing a will allows you to make provisions to care for a loved one after you're gone. That can include support for the special needs [REDACTED]
- 7. It Settles Family Disputes.**
If you designate who gets what in a legal will, Aunt Peggy can't argue with Cousin Fred over who gets grandma's cherished chinaware set and basket collection.
- 8. You'll Ease Your Family's Grief.**
If you die without a will, your family will have to untangle your affairs, guess at any gift intentions, and spend a lot of time, money, and effort in probate court [REDACTED]
- 9. You'll Be Able To Choose an Executor.**
If you don't have a will, the court will decide who is in charge of handling your final affairs. It won't matter if [REDACTED]
- 10. You Won't Lose Power Over Your Legacy.**
If you die without a will, you'll lose the chance to invest in your own legacy by designating a gift to support your favorite causes. But if you create a will, you'll have the opportunity to have a big impact on the future of [YOUR NONPROFIT], with no impact on your day-to-day cash flow.

We Can Help

Are you ready to create a valid will or estate plan? Want to learn more about the process? Contact XXXX at XXX — we'll be happy to help you get started.