

GUIDE

Signing Your Will



About
My Will

Who are we?

We are professional Will Writers who have established ourselves in the market since 2003.

We differ from most firms of Solicitors or Will Writers in that not only are we experts in Will Writing, many of our consultants are fully qualified Independent Financial Advisers who are regulated by the FCA.

This allows our Will Writers to consider many different aspects of your personal circumstances and offer individual solutions if required.

AboutMy Will's primary aim is to maintain customer satisfaction; this has always been our company ethos and always will be.

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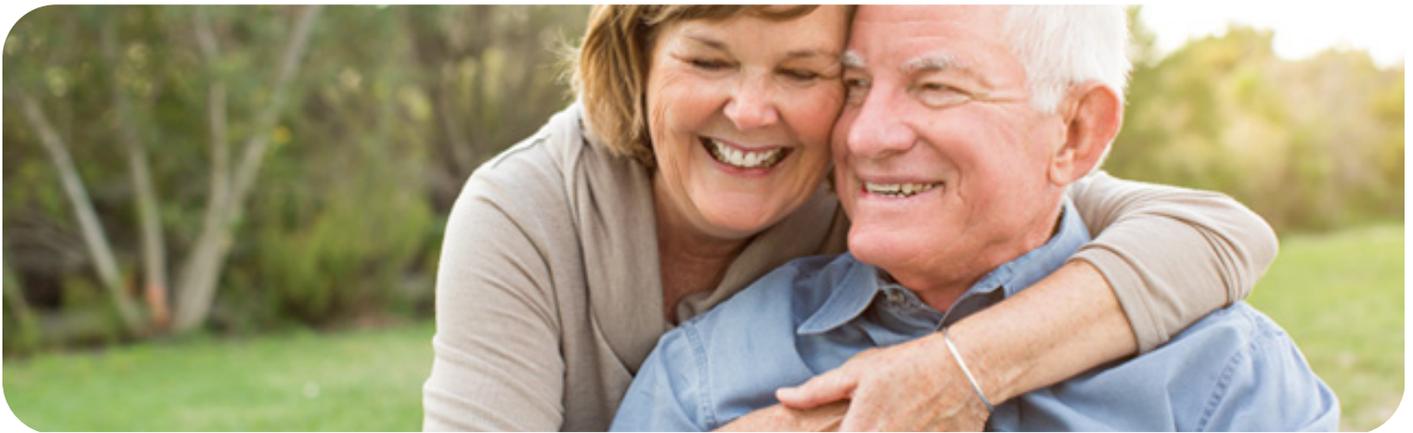
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About this guide

In this guide we are going to explain what it is important to correctly sign and date your Wills once they have been created.

Based on this guide you should have a much better idea if you have properly signed, dated and witnessed your Last Will and Testament.



This guide is applicable across England and Wales.

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Signing & Witnessing your Will

Until your Will has been properly dated, signed, and witness it is nothing more than a wish list.

So, after you have checked your Will and are happy that it reflects what you want, you should arrange to get it signed and witnessed.

Two independent Witnesses

The first thing you need to do is find two independent witnesses. One of these can be your Will Writer if you opted for our home service. The other person could be a neighbour.

It is important that your witnesses are not beneficiaries of your Will, potential beneficiaries of your Will, or spouses of your beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries. This does not invalidate your Will, it just means that witnesses to a Will are not allowed to benefit from a Will.



If your Will is not signed, dated and witnessed correctly, it is deemed invalid. This means that your wishes may not be followed.



If you cannot sign the Will yourself or have difficulties with your sight, reading or signing, then please let us know immediately as your Will should be amended to include an extra paragraph referring to your problem.

Signing the Will

The Will needs to be dated and signed in the presence of the two independent witnesses. The witnesses have no right to read any part of your Will. They are only there to see the signing and witnessing of the Will.

This means that they have to actually watch you sign (and date if there is no printed date on the Will) your Will and in turn, you have to watch them sign your Will and they have to watch each other sign your Will.

It may sound strange, but it is so important that you all witness each other signing, dating and printing.

Witnesses will also have to print their name after they sign, and also print their addresses.

It is also important that the witnesses actually sign their name, and then print it, rather than just print their names. A Will was recently challenged where the witnesses printed their name rather than signing it.

The result was that significant court fees were incurred to seek a decision from the courts to see if the Will was valid. The judgment was that the Will was actually valid, but all this could have been avoided if it was checked that the Will was signed by the witnesses rather than printed before it was safely stored away.

Summary

If you decide that you need a Protective Property Trust in your Will then as part of our service to you, and included in the price, we will prepare and submit all the forms needed to sever the tenancy on your home.

How can I find out more?

The quickest way to get started is to speak to one of our Will Writers so we can carry out a No Obligation Will Review.

We will show you exactly what is included in your will and if you don't have a Will we will explain in detail the best Will for your financial circumstances.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask about the process, the guide or Will Writing in general please call us on:

Step 1

Talk to one of our Will Writers.

We'll discuss your requirements and how we can help.

Step 2

Drafting & Payment.

Once we have received your payment we will draft your will for your confirmation, we will review your will until you are happy.

Step 3

Distribution & Sign.

We'll post you instructions on how to sign your Will. Or if you opted for a home visit you can sign it with a Will Writer present.

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