



Solicitors for you

Making a Will

How can JMW Solicitors LLP help?

- We can ensure that your Will is appropriate to your circumstances and can accordingly advise on your Inheritance Tax liability should you wish.
- Your Will shall be prepared by a qualified solicitor
- We shall prepare a draft Will for your approval before inviting you to sign the final version. We shall also ensure that the Will has been signed correctly and is valid
- We shall store your Will free of charge indefinitely and provide you with a copy of your Will for your records
- We can give you peace of mind.

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Unfortunately death is unavoidable. It is therefore important that we all plan for it by making a Will.

What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document in which you can set out your final wishes in relation to the administration and distribution of your estate. In order to make a Will you must be over the age of 18 and be of sound mind.

Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will is a positive act which will greatly assist your loved ones when you pass away. In making a Will you can have peace of mind with the knowledge that your wishes shall be carried out. With a little planning you can ensure that your wealth and the gifts you wish to make reach the right people at the right time with tax being minimised where possible.

What happens if I do not make a Will?

Your assets will pass in accordance with the Intestacy Rules. This means that the law will dictate who can deal with, and benefit from, your estate. This does not necessarily mean that your assets shall pass to those whom you consider closest to you. In fact, in some circumstances if no blood relations can be found your estate may pass to the Crown.

- You will not pass any assets to people who are not directly related to you, including step-children, common law spouse or favoured Charities

- If you are separated but not divorced, your estranged spouse will inherit and be responsible for administering your estate
- You will have no say in who will look after your children if they are under 18 when you die
- You will have no control over the age at which your beneficiaries shall inherit
- There could be an Inheritance Tax liability that arises which could have otherwise been avoided
- There could be increased cost and delay in administering your estate.

What exactly does a Will deal with?

You can appoint Executors and Trustees who you wish to administer your estate.

- You can appoint Guardians for any child who is under the age of 18, thereby ensuring that costly Court proceedings and potential family disputes are avoided
- If your children are under the age of 18 you can ensure that sufficient financial provision is left for their health, welfare and educational needs You can also allocate funds for use by the Guardians to assist with raising your children
- You can ensure that your loved ones are financially provided for
- You can give specific gifts or legacies to your chosen beneficiaries including friends, relations and charities

- You can set up life interest trusts to ensure that your spouse/partner has the right to remain living in the family home
- You can set up flexible provisions for young beneficiaries if you do not consider it appropriate for a child to inherit at the age of 18
- You can set up a protective trust to ensure that beneficiaries do not lose that their right to receive means tested state benefits
- You can ring fence assets for the benefit of your surviving spouse/partner against the liability of care fees
- You can include tax planning tools to reduce your Inheritance Tax liability.

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Name:

Address:

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Please contact me by: Post: Tel: Email (please tick)

Date of Current Will: Current Will stored at JMW? Yes No (please tick)

Thank you. We shall contact you shortly.

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