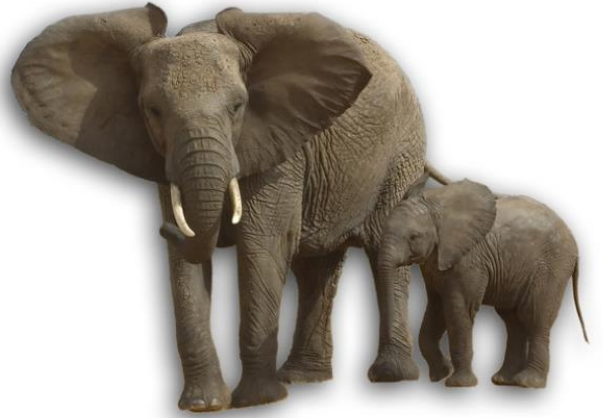


## Why make a Will?

Most of us are aware that we should have a valid Will in place but find the whole issue daunting. A simple phone call to us is all you need to get things moving. We have a friendly and efficient team who are used to dealing with clients' queries and concerns. Our aim is to make you feel at ease and comfortable throughout the process. We want you to feel confident that the Will we prepare for you reflects your wishes.



### Why making a Will is so important

It is the only way of making sure that your final wishes are carried out. When someone dies without a Will, the law sets out who will be appointed to deal with their affairs and who will receive the estate. Your wishes and intentions count for nothing and this can cause disappointment and long-running disputes within families.

**When you need  
Strength and support ...**  
...we are with you all the way

- You can choose your Executors – these are the people who carry out your wishes
- You can dispose of your estate in the way you wish, and protect your dependents
- If you are not married, you can provide for your partner so that your house, money or other items pass to them rather than your blood family
- You can appoint Guardians for young children
- You can state your funeral wishes
- People are able to take advantage of tax planning to save Inheritance Tax
- You can protect your estate from being used to pay for a beneficiary's future Care Fees

### Keep your Will up to date

Your assets and liabilities will change throughout your life, as can the circumstances of your family or other beneficiaries. For instance, if your spouse or partner needs to go into nursing or residential care in the future, you may wish to create a Trust in your Will that will provide an income to your loved one, but also preserving the capital for your children.

## “Do it yourself” Wills

Avoid the temptation to prepare your own Will. The wording within home-made Wills is often incorrect and may fail to carry out your wishes accurately. Costs can be significant if the court needs to be involved in order to ascertain exactly what your intentions were so that your executors can distribute your estate.

## Who should be appointed as Executors?

You should appoint at least two executors, who will be legally responsible for carrying

out your wishes. You may appoint family, trusted friends or professionals such as the partners at Sydney Mitchell. We will discuss with you the most suitable appointment depending on your circumstances.

## Who keeps your Will?

We will keep it secure for you, free of charge.

## What next?

Call any of our offices on the numbers shown and we will ensure that an appointment is arranged for you to see one of our private client specialists.

## Talk to one of our team today...



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