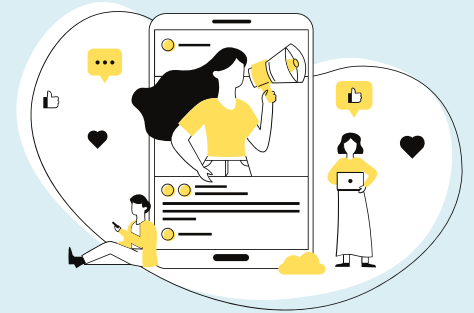


ONE MINUTE GUIDE TO DRAFTING A WILL

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1 WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN MY WILL?

In general, most wills include the following information:

- who you want to benefit from your will
- who should look after any children under 18
- who is going to sort out your estate and carry out your wishes after your death (known as your executor)
- what happens if the people you want to benefit, die before you
- your burial requirements

2 DO I NEED A SOLICITOR TO WRITE MY WILL?

The short answer is no. You can write your own Will. But, in order for it to be a legally valid document, it will need to be formally witnessed by two people and signed in person.

- If your estate is not straightforward, you may wish to speak to a solicitor. For example (this is not an exhaustive list):
 - if you have a business or complex finances
 - if you share a property with someone who is not your husband, wife or civil partner
 - if you have several family members who may make a claim on your will, such as a second spouse or children from another marriage
 - if you have property overseas

3 WHO CAN WITNESS A WILL?

You should choose someone who is independent.

- They cannot be related to you
- They must be over 18 years of age
- They cannot be a beneficiary of the Will (or related by blood, marriage or civil partnership to the beneficiary)
- An executor can witness the Will as long as they are not a beneficiary

4 HOW MUCH CAN IT COST?

Prices will vary depending on requirements or firm. At SKB Law, our prices start at £250.