

Why You Should Make A Will

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A Will is a legal declaration of your wishes and is only valid if it complies with certain requirements set by Law. There are countless reasons why you should make a Will and this leaflet lists the main ones. A Will is the only way you can help ensure your wishes are carried out after your death.

If you have not made a Will, your Will fails or is invalid, then the Government Rules of Intestacy will apply to give structure to its distribution. These rules will be unlikely to reflect your real wishes.

Without a Will, the distribution of your estate will take much longer than it would if one was in place. This could cause unnecessary distress to those that need early access to money or property. Disputes can be avoided if a valid Will is made and your loved ones will be more likely to receive what you have left them.

A Will can be used to appoint legal guardians for your children as well as express your funeral wishes and specify gifts to individuals or charities. None of these would be reflected in the Rules of Intestacy.

Here are some of the benefits of making a Will:

- Help ensure your estate passes to those you intend it to via your chosen executors.
- Make use of Estate Protection strategies helping avoid unnecessary Tax, often only available through your Will.
- Avoid lengthy delays in the distribution of your estate.
- Ensure guardians are appointed for your dependent children.
- Showing you care enough to make it simpler for those you leave behind.
- Reduce the likelihood of unintended beneficiaries claiming part of your estate.
- Reduce the distress to those you leave behind and make your funeral wishes known.
- Help ringfence sections of your estate or property from Tax or Local Authorities.
- Avoid the Government Rules of Intestacy as well as saving time and money.
- Give you peace of mind knowing that you have done the best you can.

How to make your Will

Arranging your Will/s to be drafted is simple. We will forward to you a questionnaire for completion and return. Once this has been received we will contact you by telephone to go through your instructions and answer any questions you may have.

We offer a free re-write service, as it is not possible to make a Will that reflects changing legislation and your wishes can easily change. We therefore have a process in place enabling you to make any alterations as they become necessary, free of charge. Storage is required to qualify for this.

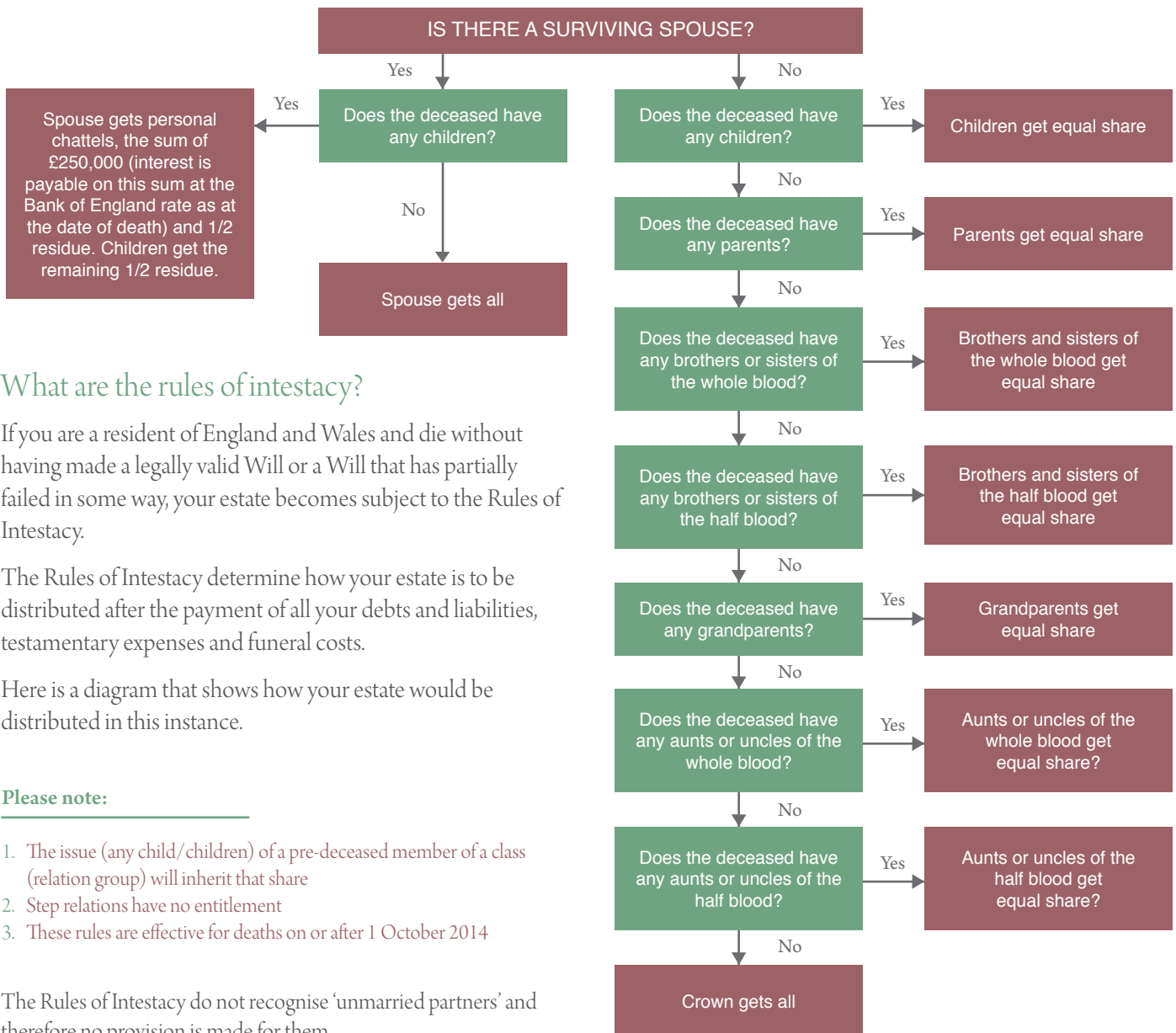
We guarantee to produce a draft Will within 5 working days of receiving your instructions. Once you have agreed the contents we will prepare the original documents within 48 hours ready for signing.

If you prefer, you can write to us at the following address:

**Will Drafting Services, 11 Scirocco Close
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Rules of Intestacy



What are the rules of intestacy?

If you are a resident of England and Wales and die without having made a legally valid Will or a Will that has partially failed in some way, your estate becomes subject to the Rules of Intestacy.

The Rules of Intestacy determine how your estate is to be distributed after the payment of all your debts and liabilities, testamentary expenses and funeral costs.

Here is a diagram that shows how your estate would be distributed in this instance.

Please note:

1. The issue (any child/children) of a pre-deceased member of a class (relation group) will inherit that share
2. Step relations have no entitlement
3. These rules are effective for deaths on or after 1 October 2014

The Rules of Intestacy do not recognise 'unmarried partners' and therefore no provision is made for them.

Why do people put off making a Will?

Making a Will is often delayed due to the expectation that it is going to be difficult, expensive and emotive. It is often said 'I am too young' or 'I am too old' with the thoughts that it can seem to be hard to make decisions that can last for many years. That's why we offer our free re-write service [STORE SAFE](#) in safe hands. Providing your Wills are stored with us we offer to re-write your Will for free up to three times a year. This takes away the concern about making a Will that will last for years.

We offer a personable, sympathetic and knowledgeable system that allows you to talk through all your wishes and plans without any obligation to commit.

Why use Will Drafting Services?

- Full member of the Society of Will Writers.
- Professional Indemnity cover up to £2.5 million per claim.
- 100% full, money back guarantee.
- A full range of services that you would expect from a quality Will drafting company including, Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Funeral Plans, Lifetime Trusts, Living Wills, Confidential Document Storage and free re-writes.
- A proactive approach to estate planning.
- 'STEP' (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) qualified drafters.

We consider ourselves to be market leaders. Our experience continues to grow. Our ethos is putting you first as a client, having a proactive approach and constantly improving our skills.

Services we offer:

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