

## 6 common excuses for not making a will

People give many reasons for not making a will. Unfortunately, most are based on false assumptions!

**“I’m too young to think about dying.”** Sadly, tragic accidents do happen. Do you really want everything you own to be distributed according to a fixed legal formula? It is particularly important to write or amend your will if you get married, and to appoint potential guardians when you have children.

**“I don’t have the time.”** Organising a will is straightforward and only takes a few hours of your time. It will save your family and friends much more time, trouble and expense after your death.

**“It’s too expensive to make a will.”** Straightforward wills cost around £120 + VAT from solicitors, and you can also take advantage of promotions such as Will Aid week. A proper will can save your loved ones a lot more expense after your death.

**“Thinking about dying makes me uncomfortable.”** The old adage says “There are only two certainties in life – death and taxes!” If we care for those we love, we need to prepare for what is bound to happen at some unknown time in the future.

**“I don’t have anything to leave.”** But you probably do own a few treasured items that you would like to be passed on to specific relatives or friends. Without a will these items will be sold (probably very cheaply) and any money used to pay legal costs or distributed according to an official formula.

**“My partner will get it all anyway.”** Not necessarily! In particular, partners who are not legally married may get nothing at all, and even married spouses and civil partners may not get everything.