

Will you, won't you?

10 reasons to stop procrastinating about making a Will

Would your hard-earned money go where you want it to if the worst were to happen? A staggering 57% of UK adults have never made a Will – that's 30 million people. Richard Shearing, head of the Private Client team at JE Bennett Law, explains the top 10 reasons people give for not making a Will – and the reasons why you should.



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1. **'I'm tempting fate'** – Making a Will does not shorten your life.
2. **'I'll do it when I'm a bit older'** – Accidents and illness can happen at any age.
3. **'I don't earn enough to make a Will necessary'** – Add up your total personal wealth carefully and you may be surprised.
4. **'My family will sort things out without any problems'** – Unfortunately difficulties can arise, even in the closest of families.
5. **'My husband (or wife) will inherit everything anyway'** – If you die without making a Will leaving a family, your spouse may well not inherit your entire estate, and this can cause complications, particularly if you have children.
6. **'I have no-one to leave it to'** – If you have no close relatives then it's likely to go to distant relatives if you don't make a Will – often people that you have never met or had any interest in you. Would you really want this?
7. **'Solicitors are too expensive so I will do it myself'** – Preparing a Will properly takes skill and experience; when home-made Wills go wrong, it is a lot more costly.
8. **'I made a Will years ago'** – Life throws curveballs at us and situations change. It's a good idea to check every year that your Will reflects your current wishes and circumstances.
9. **'I have nobody who could be my executor'** – If there is nobody that can fulfill this role, then our partners would be pleased to act as your executors for you. Indeed, many lay executors instruct us to administer estates on their behalf as it can be a complicated and stressful process, for which they don't get paid.
10. **'It's all too much of a worry'** – We have been taking away these worries for many years, so why not let us help you so you can have peace of mind.

With proper advice and gentle guidance, we can make writing your Will a stress-free experience and help you to plan for your own future and that of your loved ones.



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