



Notary Services: Preparation of Wills

Notaries can draft and execute a Will, and give you expert legal advice on how you would like your estate to be handled.

Who Needs a Will?

1. Do you have dependent children?

Wills help protect dependent children by appointing someone to care for your underage children if you die. That is particularly important for single parents or blended families where the law may not align with your wishes. If you don't designate custody, that decision may be made by a stranger through the Court system.

2. Are you a homeowner?

If you share ownership of a property or a home, it is important to review the structure of that agreement because it can impact what happens to that ownership if you die. Your BC Notary can do a title search and discuss the options available to ensure your wishes are legally possible and your Will is clear.

3. Are you separated, divorced, or living in a common law relationship?

Creating a Will and ensuring it is up-to-date is very important to show exactly how you want your assets divided.

4. Do you have pets?

For many British Columbians, pets are family. People want to ensure their pets will continue to be cared for, if something were to happen to their human mom or dad. A Will designates those provisions.

FIVE REASONS YOU NEED A WILL



YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18



YOU OWN A HOME



YOU ARE SEPARATED, DIVORCED OR LIVING IN A COMMON-LAW RELATIONSHIP



YOU HAVE PETS



YOU WANT PEACE OF MIND ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE



5. Do you want peace of mind?

Having a Will gives you and your family peace of mind that your assets will go to those you love and your wishes will be followed. Most people find the process leads to important discussions and decisions and brings families closer. It also provides you with assurances that your assets will be distributed to family, friends, and charitable organizations according to your current wishes.

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