



## Understanding a will

This resource is intended to support you to:

- understand what a will is; and
- instruct a lawyer to prepare a will for you.

### Wills

A Guide for Decision Makers

## What is a will?

A will is a document that says what you want to happen to the things you own when you die.

In a will you can say:

- Who you want your money to go to
- Who you want your other important things to go to
- If you have any wishes for your funeral
- Who you would like to ensure your wishes are carried out (this person is called your Executor).

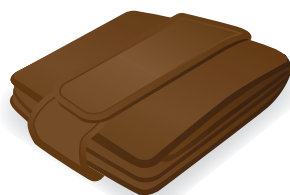


## What do you own?

Money, money in bank accounts, a house, cars and vehicles, shares, pets, special items?



☐ Money



Bank account balances?

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How much cash?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ House



Value of your house?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Car



Value of your car?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have another car?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Shares

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☐ Pets

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☐ Special Items

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## Who can expect to get something from you when you die?

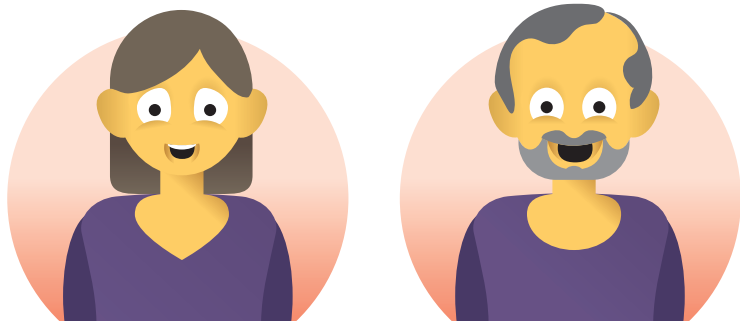
Your children and partner (husband or wife or long term boyfriend or girlfriend) are people who can expect something from you when you die.

Do you have any children?

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Do you have a partner?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you  
have a Mum?

☐ ✓

Name

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Do you  
have a Dad?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have any brothers or sisters?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have any nieces or nephews?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have  
a grandmother?

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Do you  
have a grandfather?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have another  
a grandmother?

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Do you another  
have a grandfather?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have  
any aunts?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have  
any uncles?

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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have  
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## Who are the special people in your life?



Do you have any  
special friends?

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## Who would you like to leave your things to?



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## Instructions for lawyers

Lawyers should refer to the Office of the Public Guardian “Guidelines for Witnessing Enduring Documents” and Queensland Advocacy Incorporated’s “Queensland Handbook for Practitioners on Legal Capacity” so that they can ethically and competently assist people with intellectual and/or cognitive impairments to have the opportunity to have an enduring power of attorney and/or will prepared.



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