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making a will won't kill you

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Death is something most of us would rather not think about, and maybe this is why over 60% of us die without ever having made a will.

Whether you are wealthy, of more modest means, or are young or old, you should make your Will **NOW** as it can save a great deal of distress and in some cases hardship to those left behind you.

Just a few good reasons for making a Will are:-

- **YOU** decide exactly what is to happen to your estate on your death, and **YOU** are therefore in control. If you die without having made a Will the intestacy rules apply in an arbitrary manner which can lead to difficulties e.g. If you are married and have children your spouse will take personal chattels and £250,000 and a life interest in half the residue, the remainder and the other half going to the children. This could mean the children do not receive anything.
- **YOU** can appoint executors to deal with your estate. They have a very important role to play, and they should ideally be either business minded family members or friends and/or professionals e.g. solicitors.
- **YOU** can provide for guardians to care for any children under the age of 18 years, if, for example, both parents die in an accident.
- **YOU** can provide specific funeral arrangements and the use of your body for medical research.
- **YOU** can arrange your financial affairs to minimise inheritance tax liabilities.
- **YOU** can benefit good causes by leaving a legacy or share of your estate to charity.
- **YOU** can make special provision for handicapped or disabled children or other members of the family who are or may in the future be in receipt of state means tested benefits.
- If **YOU** and your partner live together but are not married, or in a civil partnership, it is essential to make a Will as there is no automatic entitlement for your partner.

The consequences of dying without having made a Will can prove both complicated and expensive. At a stressful time for your family and friends, such worry, complication and expense can be avoided through having a correct Will drawn up by professionals. We at **Hopley Pierce & Bird** are experienced in Will making, and will discuss YOUR requirements in confidence.

We can visit you at home or even in hospital.

Once you have made your Will, we can store it for you, and we suggest you keep it under review at regular intervals (at least every 5 years) as the world does not stand still, and in particular your family circumstances and relevant tax laws all change.

We can provide you with an estimate of the COST of making your Will. The cost of a simple Will can be as little as £85.00 plus VAT and for two similar wills for husband and wife or civil partnerships £150.00 plus VAT

HAVING READ THE ADVANTAGES OF LEAVING A WILL, CAN YOU AFFORD NOT TO MAKE ONE?

Contact us for an appointment

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