

# Thinking about your estate?



## Wills

A will is a written document that communicates your decisions about who should get your estate after you die. Your estate may include your money, home and any other property that you have. A will can also communicate your burial and funeral preferences. It is a good idea to think about writing a will as you transition towards retirement. There are free and low-cost services you can use when considering making a will.

The Public Trustee (1300 360 044) has a free will-making service you can use.

Alternatively the Queensland Law Society (1300 367 757) can refer you to a private solicitor in your area.

Before you speak to the Public Trustee or a private solicitor, you will need to think about who you want to be in charge of distributing your estate (your executor), who you want to leave your estate to (your beneficiaries) and who can witness your will getting signed (witnesses).

The National Seniors' *Legal Issues Associated with Ageing* and the Public Trustee's *Lets Talk about Wills* publications provide general information about wills.



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Think about who you want to be your executor, beneficiaries and witnesses.



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Contact the Public Trustee for access to their free will-making service.



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Contact the Queensland Law Society for a referral to a private solicitor.

## Referrals: