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Do you want to make a will?

A will is a legal document that says what you want to happen with your money and things after you die

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To make a will:

- You must be 18 years old or over.



- You must know what things belong to you



- You must understand what a will is



- You must choose who should get your things and money after you die.

This is sometimes called having capacity to make a will.



It is a good idea to prepare a Wish List of what you would like to happen to your things and money after you die.



You will need a solicitor to make your Wish List into a will.

The solicitor needs to be sure you understand what a will is.



The solicitor may ask a doctor to do something called a capacity assessment to check you understand.



The solicitor will need 2 independent witnesses to make your will legal.



You can still make a will if you have an appointee or deputy looking after your money.



If you do not understand enough to make a will you can apply to the Court of Protection for a Statutory will.



If you do not have a will the government uses special rules to decide who gets your things. If you do not have any family the government gets your things and money.



If you would like to have an advocate you can contact The Advocacy Project to make a referral:



0208 962 8695



This sheet does not mean you no longer need an Advocate and is not intended as advice. Everyone's situation is different and only some of the points above may be relevant to you.