



## Plan for Your Family's Future

Making a will now is one of the most important things you can do to protect and provide for your family in the future. With Texas Legal, it's easy and affordable.

# Need a Will? Texas Legal has You Covered

According to the New York Times, fewer than half of American adults have a will, with the most common excuse for not having one as "I haven't gotten around to it."

However, estate planning is one of the most important things you can do to provide financial support and stability for your family. It also ensures that your assets, money and belongings are distributed according to your wishes after you die.

### Having a Will in Place Helps:

- Eliminate family messes, misunderstandings and arguments over the distribution of your assets.
- Minimize taxes and expenses your heirs may incur when your assets are transferred.
- Ensure minor children are raised by a guardian of your choosing.
- Distribute your assets in a timely fashion.
- Support a charity or cause that's important to you.
- Prevent your assets from ending up with unintended beneficiaries.
- Ensure your family's privacy.

**Putting off creating a will simply because it seems daunting is a big mistake.**

Creating a will involves documenting important, personal information and making important, personal decisions. A qualified, experienced attorney can walk you through the process, manage estate planning complexities and ensure your wishes are carried out promptly and with minimum legal hassle.



## How Do I Get Started?

See back for details.



# For Texas Legal Members, it's Easy and Affordable to Create a Will with a Texas Legal Attorney

Use this step-by-step guide to prepare for your estate planning.

## 1 Make a List of Your Assets

Provide your Texas Legal Attorney with an itemized list of your assets. Your list should include:

### Property

Include real property and valuable assets, as well as items that have deep personal meaning like heirlooms, photographs, medals, etc.

### Financial Accounts

Bank accounts, brokerage accounts, and retirement accounts.

### Insurance Policies

Create a list of your insurance policies, such as disability and life insurance and the beneficiaries on those accounts. Update your policies with any life changes that occur, as that will take precedence over who is listed in your will.

## 2 Decide Who Will Inherit Your Property

Decide who you would like to inherit your assets and personal property. Include alternate (contingent) beneficiaries, in case your first choices do not survive you.

## 3 Choose a Guardian for Your Children

If you have minor children, decide who you would like to raise them in the unlikely event, the other parent cannot. Discuss your wishes with the guardians you select, and choose alternates in case they are unavailable.

## 4 Consider Where You Want to Give

Start a list of charitable organizations that you support or would consider making a contribution toward with a portion of the proceeds from your estate.

## 5 Choose an Executor

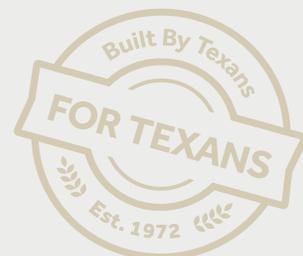
Your executor, the person in charge of administering your estate, can be anyone in your life whom you trust to carry out your final wishes. The ideal candidate should be honest, dependable, well-organized, punctual and good with paperwork.



## Schedule Your Estate Planning Appointment Today!

As a Texas Legal Member, the cost of creating a will is fully covered, and you have access to some of the most experienced and qualified estate planning attorneys in the state to guide you through the process.

For more information or to find an attorney in your area, go to [TexasLegal.org](https://www.texaslegal.org) or contact us at **1.800.252.9346**.



**Choose from the highest quality Texas-licensed attorneys for your estate planning needs**