

Wills and Estate Planning for You  
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Failing to make a will means that you have decided that when you die, the Government should decide what do with your children and your property. Deciding to make a will is neither macabre nor ghoulish. Making a will is the responsible thing to do when you have loved ones who depend on you. It determines how your family is taken care of after you are gone and what property is used to take care of them.

Very many people think that a will is something to be considered when one is at death's door but on the contrary, it is something to be done when you are of sound mind and are able to fully contemplate the full ramifications of your actions. Making a will sometimes may require complex calculations and adjustments. The process of making a will very often forces you to consider things that are very important that you may have overlooked.

Most importantly, making a will that you put away and never update may be just as bad as not making one or worse. The circumstances in our lives change often and the circumstances and needs of our loved ones change too. The people we consider to be loved ones also change or increase. Therefore, it is important to update a will or make what is called a codicil when circumstances change.

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