

## **Writing a Will**

Writing a Will is the only way to ensure that what you leave behind is distributed according to your wishes. However only around 50% of people aged over 40 have a Will.

### ***Why is writing a Will important?***

Writing a Will is the only way that you can be certain that your wishes will be followed after you die. If you don't make one, part or all of your estate may go to people who you never intended to benefit. By writing a Will you will be able to protect the future of your loved ones and appoint people you trust to manage your affairs once you're gone.

After you've looked after your family and friends, you may also wish to leave a gift to a charitable cause that is close to your heart. Legacies from supporters make up a very important income stream for many charities. If you do want to leave a charitable gift when writing a will, the donation can be as small or large as you like.

### ***How should I go about writing a Will?***

Writing a Will is easy and inexpensive when drafted by a properly qualified professional. You should check that the professional you choose:

- Is trained and qualified to write a Will
- Has undertaken ongoing training to write Wills
- Has professional indemnity insurance of at least £2 million
- Is a member of an organization that has an independent complaints procedure.