

Make your Will the top of your to do list

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At RIAA Barker Gillette we recommend you review and/or update your will on any major life-changing event. This could be anything from a birth, marriage, death, divorce, or even receiving a windfall such as a lottery win or inheritance.

This global pandemic may well be a major life event for everyone, and something we will talk about in years to come. It may change our approach to many aspects of our lives.

The [Law Society](#) has reported that many people have used this time to create or update their will. However, there are still many people in the UK who do not have a will, and with most hospital visitation rights having been suspended, should you fall fatally ill, a last-minute will may not be possible.

If you do not have a will your estate (all the assets you own at the date of your death) will be distributed in accordance with the Intestacy Rules. You can find a useful flow chart to see where your assets will go under the Intestacy Rules [here](#).

If the Intestacy Rules do not distribute your assets in the way you would like, you will need to create a will. This will give both you and your loved ones' peace of mind. Losing a loved one can be difficult enough. A will helps to provide your loved ones with the form of security and assurance that they will be supported even after you are gone.

Beyond distributing your assets, you can appoint guardians for your children or even create a trust fund for minor children or a disabled member of your family to ensure that they receive the support they need after you have gone - this can even include your pets! We can ensure that your will is drafted in a tax-efficient way, using all available reliefs and allowances from [inheritance tax](#).

If you would like a no-obligation conversation about creating a will or would like to take advantage of our [COVID-19: Will and LPA package](#), call [Lalita Kauldhar](#) today.

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