



. THE IMPORTANCE OF A WILL



WHAT IS A WILL?

A Will is a legal document that expresses your wishes and how your property is to be distributed after your death. If you are making a Will you are called a testator or testatrix and your property is called your estate.

WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE A WILL?

If you pass away without a Will your estate will be distributed in terms of the Intestate Succession Act. Having a Will gives you control over your estate it ensures your belongings are distributed amongst your chosen beneficiaries.

WHO CAN MAKE A WILL?

Anyone over the age of 16 years old can make a Will as long as the person is not mentally ill and understands the consequences of their actions. Two or more people, for example spouses, can make a joint Will for their respective estates.

CAN A PERSON DRAFT THEIR OWN WILL?

You can draft your own will as long as it meets all the requirements for a valid will. It is however highly recommended that you get assistance from professionals such as, attorneys, banks, chartered accounts, boards of executors, insurance companies etc. as they can assist in drafting your Will.

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