

WILLS INFO SHEET

One of the most important things you can do for your family is to leave them with a properly drafted and executed Will.

The lawyers at METRO LAW OFFICE have the expertise to ensure that:

- your estate is administered by those you trust to follow your last wishes, to pay your debts and to fairly distribute your personal effects and assets;
- your will is structured to avoid or minimize painful and expensive estate litigation;
- your young children are cared for by a guardian of your choice - rather than by someone chosen by a government ministry;
- simple measures are taken to reduce the taxes payable by your estate.

Here are some points to consider with respect to your Will:

- if you marry after you make your Will, your Will is void (of no effect);
- if you divorce after you make your Will, your spouse's designation as an executor and/or beneficiary is void;
- income and probate taxes may be minimized by the proper gifting of your RRSP's, RRIF's or insurance proceeds or by placing some (not all) assets in joint tenancy;
- not all of your assets will form part of your estate and be distributed in accordance with your Will: land, bank accounts and investments in joint names may pass to the surviving co-owner by right of survivorship - the benefit of insurance policies, pensions, RRSPs and RIFs may pass to designated beneficiaries;
- executing an enduring Power of Attorney along with your Will enables your next of kin to pay your bills, purchase more suitable care or accommodation for you, raise money for necessary surgeries, etc., in the event you become incapacitated.

Estimated fees:

Metro Law Office keeps legal time and client fees to a minimum through the use of efficient computerized systems. The following fee schedule outlines our minimum charges for Wills and Powers of Attorney and the time allotted to complete each task, complicated Wills necessitate extra legal time and resulting client fees, PST and GST are extra:

Simple Adult Will	max. 60 minutes of legal time	\$250.00
Simple Couple's Wills	max. 90 minutes " "	\$400.00
Simple Senior's Will (65+)	max. 45 minutes " "	\$200.00
Trust Company Will	max. 180 minutes " "	\$800.00
Power of Attorney	20 minutes " "	\$100.00
Power of Attorney	with a Will (discounted)	\$75.00
Living Will	only with a Will (discounted)	\$40.00

Please complete the Wills Questionnaire on the back of this sheet and bring it with you for your appointment. At the end of the appointment you will leave our office with a new Will - and renewed peace of mind.

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SINGLE OR COUPLE'S WILLS QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Full Legal Name: _____

Your Address: _____

_____ Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____

Marital Status: ☐never married ☐married ☐common law ☐separated ☐divorced ☐widowed

Spouse's Full Legal Name: _____

Date & Place of Most Recent ☐Marriage or ☐Divorce: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

Your Place and Date of Birth: _____ Resident in B.C. for : ____ years.

Any Children? ☐No ☐Yes, as follows (attach list if necessary) :

Child #1 Name: _____ ☐Under 19 ☐Adopted ☐Other: _____

Child #2 Name: _____ ☐Under 19 ☐Adopted ☐Other: _____

Child #3 Name: _____ ☐Under 19 ☐Adopted ☐Other: _____

Child #4 Name: _____ ☐Under 19 ☐Adopted ☐Other: _____

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1st Alternate Executor's Name: _____ Relation: _____

1st Executor's Address: _____

2nd Alternate Executor's Name: _____ Relation: _____

2nd Executor's Address: _____

Guardian's Name: _____ Relation: _____

Guardian's Address: _____

Which of the following matches your wishes?:

☐ Leave everything to my spouse if alive, if not, to children equally

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☐ Leave everything to _____

I wish to be: ☐cremated ☐buried ☐an organ donor (I will enrol at <http://www.transplant.bc.ca>.)

Have you signed a cohabitation, marriage, or separation agreement? ☐ yes ☐ no

I am contemplating getting: ☐married ☐divorced in the future.

I will keep my will ☐at home in a fire proof box ☐in a safety deposit box at the following bank or credit union: _____.

I would like to discuss having a: ☐Power of Attorney ☐Living Will ☐Family Transfer