



Now That I Have a Will . . . (Things You Need to Know About Your Will)

Where shall I keep my Will?

You should keep your Will in a safe, but accessible, place. Some possibilities are:

- . Safe deposit box.
- . Filed with Probate Court in a sealed envelope.
- . Safe place at home.

Whom should I tell where my original Will is located?

You should tell your spouse and your Personal Representative (Executor) where your original Will is kept.

What do you do with the photocopy of my Will?

We keep it in our confidential file. We will not make copies for anyone other than you or someone you authorize.

Who should get copies of my Will?

It is not necessary for anyone other than you, the client, to have copies of your Will. If you wish, we will be glad to make copies for anyone you desire. However, this can become embarrassing if you later change your Will.

When should I review my Will?

We suggest that you review your Will every time there is a significant change in your family or financial situation. At minimum, you should review your Will every five years.

What are some changes that would cause me to review my Will?

- . Death of a beneficiary.
- . Marriage, divorce or remarriage.
- . Birth or adoption of a child.
- . Death or change of Personal Representative.
- . Death or change of children's Guardian.
- . If you change your mind about distribution.
- . If there is a significant change in your assets.
- . If you retire.
- . If you buy, inherit, or receive assets as a gift.
- . Finally, any time you feel uneasy about your Will, make changes so you do feel comfortable with it.

How do I change my Will?

Do not write on the Will. Changing your Will is often done by a Codicil. However, if you are changing beneficiaries or changing the amounts being given to beneficiaries, it is a better practice to redo the Will. The fee for redoing your Will is usually the same as for adding a Codicil. We recommend that you contact us if you want to make any changes to make certain all changes are legally made.

How do I revoke my Will?

Be aware that if you revoke your Will and die without one, your property will be distributed according to Minnesota Law, and that may not be the way you want it.

The best way to revoke a Will is to tear it up in the presence of two witnesses and tell them what you are doing. Be sure to write a letter to us saying you revoked and destroyed your Will dated such-and-such.

Should I tell my personal representative who my attorney is?

Yes. If you should die, your Personal Representative should know where to locate your Will or a copy of it.

What if I have other questions about my will?

Feel free to call us. We are glad to answer your questions without charge.

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