

# Simple steps to help make your Will

## **Make sure those you care about are provided for**

Before you visit your solicitor, it's best to make sure you've done a little preparation at home. This can save you time in the solicitor's office, and costs for preparing your Will.

## **Estimate the value of your assets**

People often underestimate the value of their assets. Draw up a list of what you currently owe, including outstanding mortgages, loans or bills. Similarly list what you currently own and its likely value.

## **Decide who you would like to benefit from your Will**

Make a list of the people and organisations you want to benefit from your estate, and consider in how you would divide your assets among them.

## **Appoint your executors**

You can appoint between one and four executors to be responsible for carrying out your wishes. These can be family members, friends and/or a solicitor.

## **Find a solicitor**

If you don't have a solicitor, you could ask your friends or family to recommend one. Alternatively, you can contact the Law Society for the assistance. The number is 0870 606 2555 for England, Wales and 02890231614 for Northern Ireland.

## **Take information with you**

To save time (and money) when you go to a solicitor, take an up to date list of your assets and liabilities, as well as the names and addresses of everyone you want to benefit from your will.

## **Keep your Will safe and up-to-date**

Your circumstances may alter over time. Review every few years to ensure it still reflects your wishes.