

Do I Need a Will?



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One of the most common misunderstandings about estate planning is the belief that it is only for the wealthy. Almost everyone has an estate. Basic estate planning is an important component of an organized and responsible life, whether or not your estate is large enough to be subject to federal estate taxes.

If you own any property, or have minor children, you should have a Will. Estate planning includes more than just a Will, however. It includes planning for potential disability during your lifetime, designating trusted individuals as medical and/or financial agents with power of attorney, designating a guardian to take care of your minor children in the event both you and your spouse die or become incapacitated, and other critical decisions. For those reasons, we include an entire package of estate planning documents with your Last Will and Testament.

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Many people (as much as half of the population) will experience a period of either physical or mental disability before their death. Lack of planning can make caring for a disabled individual expensive and inconvenient for the caregiver. Good planning preserves a person's dignity, as well as his or her assets, which can be used for the person's care and can be preserved to the full extent possible for the next generation.

Your loved ones will be grateful to you for having your affairs in order.

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