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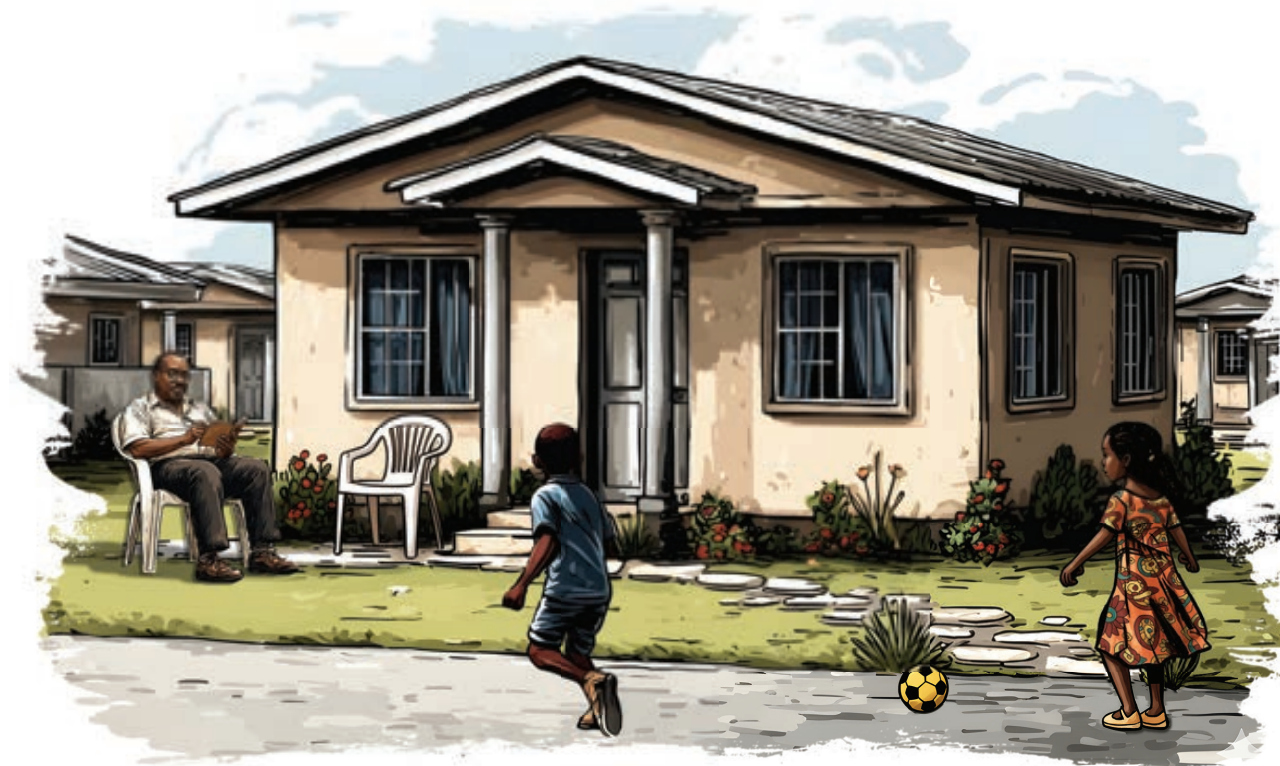
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## Seven Things to Know About Wills





## **1** Your “to-do” list

A Will is a list of all your wishes that are to be carried out after you die. Think of it as a ‘to-do list’ for your loved ones to sort out.

## **2** Your peace of mind

The person who makes a Will is called a testator. Making a Will gives you peace of mind about who gets the things you own.

When you make a Will, you get to:

- Choose who gets your things.
- Put someone you trust in charge of getting everything done.
- Put things in place for those who depend on you, your family and friends.
- Give instructions about your final resting place, funeral and other expenses.



### **3** Ease your family's stress

Making a Will eases the stress that loved ones go through when you die.

If you do not make a Will, the law dictates who gets a share of the 'dead lef'. This means someone who you want to get something may end up getting nothing.

Sharing the 'dead lef' takes a longer time when there is no Will and can cause hardship for anyone who was in your care.

### **4** Legal standards

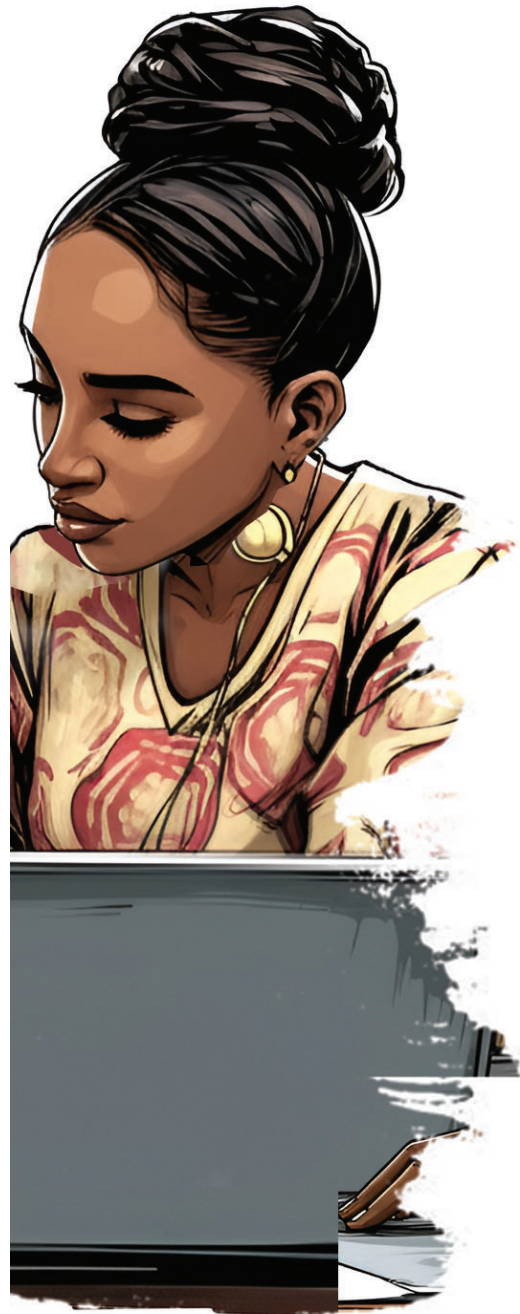
A proper Will must:

- Be in writing
- Be signed by you in the presence of two witnesses who must also sign

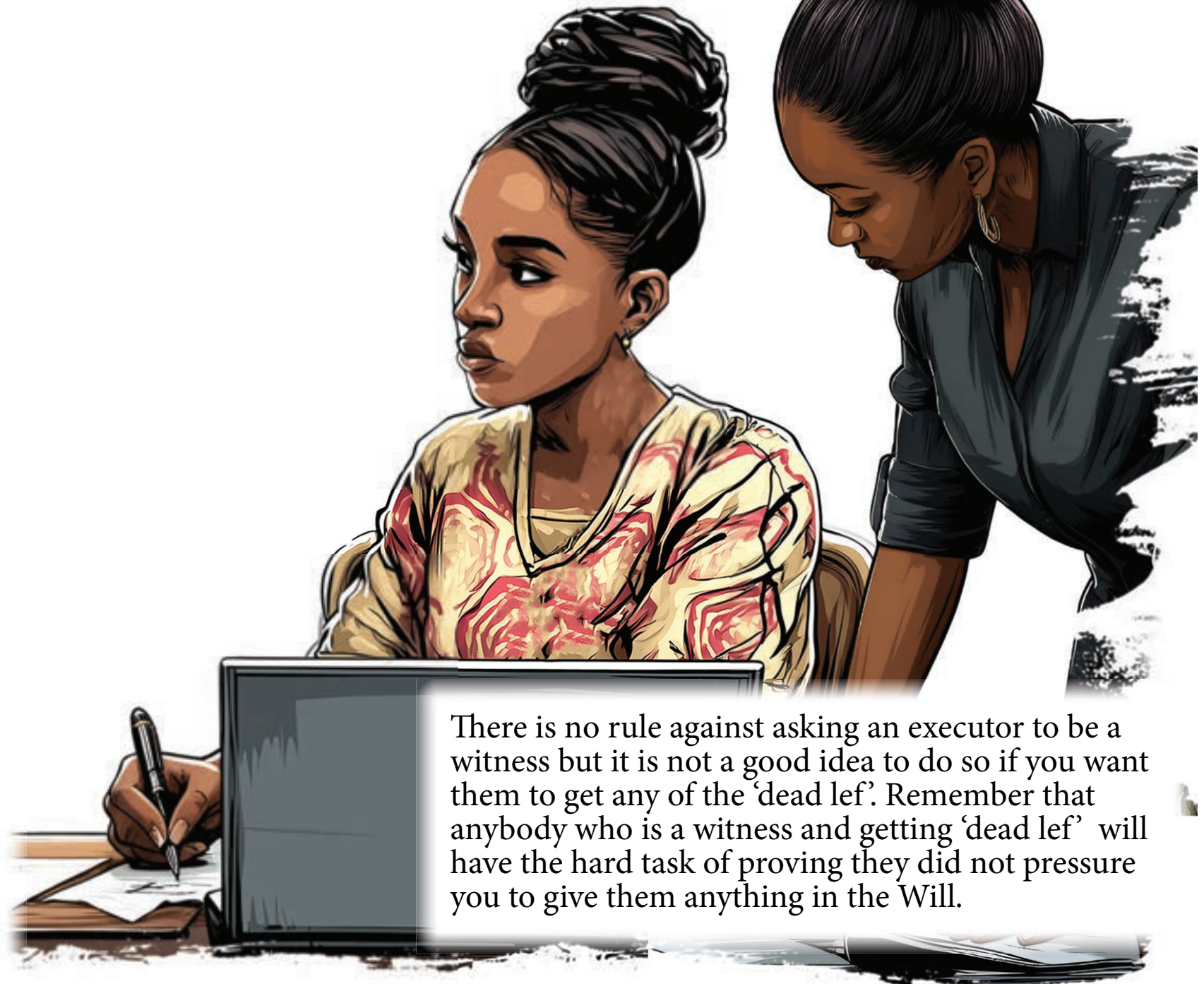


- 5 Plain and simple**  
A Will can be made by writing on paper with a pen or typing it. When you are making your Will:
- Use words that are plain and simple.
  - You do not need to use fancy legal words.
  - Give details that will make it easy to know or find the gifts.

- 6 Who you put in charge**  
You need to put one or two people you trust in charge of the Will. These are the executors. Their job is to take full control of all the things you leave behind and make sure your wishes are followed. This is a big responsibility, so choose carefully!



**7 Two witnesses**  
You must have two adults present to see when you are signing your Will. After they witness the signing, they must both sign the Will in front of you. It is better to choose two people who are not getting any 'dead lef'. If they are getting 'dead lef', the law will presume that they pressured you for it and they will have to prove that they did not. This could slow down the process or stop them from getting any of the 'dead lef'.



There is no rule against asking an executor to be a witness but it is not a good idea to do so if you want them to get any of the 'dead lef'. Remember that anybody who is a witness and getting 'dead lef' will have the hard task of proving they did not pressure you to give them anything in the Will.

## Below is a sample of a Will to guide you:

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Brian Brown

of Lot 9 Clover Drive, Kingston 10

in the parish of St. Andrew,

declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

1. I revoke all earlier Wills.
2. I choose the following as my Executors and Trustees:  
 Name: Mark Mason Address: 40 Bell Lane, Kingston Occupation: Marketer  
 Name: Sherri Jones Address: Lot 9 Clover Drive, Kingston 10 Occupation: Chef
3. I direct my Executors to pay my debts and funeral costs.
4. I give my belongings as follows:

What I own	Who to give
<u>Red 2012 Toyota Rav 4</u>	<u>My daughter, Chelsea Brown</u>

5. I give all other things I own to Marva Marks.

Signed on this 12th day of July, 2025

Brian Brown (Testator's signature)

Witnesses (in the Testator's presence and each other's):

Name: Peter Parker Occupation: Teacher

Address: 16 Creed Crescent, Kingston 10 Signature: P Parker

Name: Carly Bigby Occupation: Accountant

Address: 17 Marly Creek, Kingston 20 Signature: CK Bigby