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How to Create a Will: A Step-by-Step Guide

Gather Information - Compile a list of your:

- Assets
- Debts
- Names of beneficiaries
- Executors
- Guardians

Choose an Executor

Select a responsible and willing person to execute your will.

Draft the Will

Create a will using online templates, will-making software or consult with an attorney for more complex situations.

Witness and Sign

In most jurisdictions, wills require the signatures of two witnesses. Ensure that all signatures are done in accordance with local laws.

Store Safely

Keep the original will in a secure location, such as a bank's safety deposit box, and provide a copy to your executor.

Update Regularly

Review and update your will as life circumstances change, such as births, deaths, or major asset acquisitions.

Resources for Will Creation

- **Freewill:** It takes less than 20 minutes to write or update your legal will, for free.
- **LegalZoom:** An online legal service that provides affordable options for creating a will.
- **Rocket Lawyer:** Offers customizable legal documents, including wills, with access to attorneys for questions.
- **Local Attorneys:** Consulting with a local attorney can provide personalized advice, especially for complex situations.

Creating a will is an essential part of responsible estate planning. By following these steps and utilizing the suggested resources, you can ensure that your wishes are respected, your loved ones are cared for, and your legacy is preserved.

For more helpful information please visit

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