

Making your Will during COVID 19 – it’s easier and safer than you think

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There is nothing like a pandemic to focus your attention on those "I must get around to it" jobs! One of those jobs includes writing your Will.

It is important for any adult to have in place a Will; click here for the reasons why. Certainly, you can use a "Post Office" or "do-it-yourself" Will but those do have their drawbacks and their risks.

How we can help during the pandemic – you don’t have to wait until later

In this difficult time with COVID 19, you may think that getting your Will done now would be difficult.

In fact, we have adapted our processes to such an extent that we can:

- obtain your initial instructions;
- advise you on your intentions for your Will (either by telephone or by video conferencing);
- prepare your Will and provide it to you along with an explanation of its terms; and
- even have you sign your Will without coming to our office.

This is how we do it

To get your Will done now, we suggest the following steps:

Step 1

You can use our interactive estate planning online tool to provide us with some background about your family structure and some information as to your financial position.

This is a secure tool which asks various questions and you can take your time to complete. You can do it in one sitting or you can fill it in over a period of time; it will remember where you got up to.

Details as to the secure nature of this interactive tool are available through our website.

Step 2

On receipt of your details, one of our lawyers will be in touch with you by email to organise a time to discuss your needs; whether that discussion is by way of a telephone call or by way of a video conference.

Both clients and our lawyers are finding video conferences are working very well during this period.

Step 3

We will draft the documents and send them to you with a detailed explanation. We can then discuss any further changes that you need to make before you are ready to sign your Will.

Step 4

When you are ready to sign, new legislation passed by the NSW Government enables us to witness you signing the Will remotely and make the Will valid.

What other estate planning documents can we help with?

Apart from making your Will, we always encourage clients to consider doing a Power of Attorney and Appointment of Guardian.

Our online estate planning tool gives you some guidance about these documents and allows you to provide us with details to enable these documents to be prepared.

What's stopping you?

So, from the comfort of your home, we can now assist you to get that task done, of making a Will and maybe other estate planning documents.

Get help from a Wills and Estates lawyer

Contacting E&A Lawyers

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