



# **WHAT IS A WILL?**

A Will is a legal document that allows you to:

- express how your assets will be distributed after your death.
- name your Personal Representative who will represent your estate after your death, collects the assets of the estate, pays any debts and distributes your estate based on what is stated in your Will.
- name a Guardian for any children who are minors at the time of your death.
- create a Trust for children and grandchildren, or heirs with special needs.

A Will ensures that you have got a say in what happens to the fruits of your lifetime. A Will can help relieve stress for your family and loved ones during a time of grief.

In order to be legally binding, it is essential that your last Will and Testament follow the forms and formalities prescribed under the Wills and Succession Act and the applicable regulations in Alberta. If a will is not prepared in compliance with the legislation, then it can be considered void. Such a situation can create

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The Enduring Power of Attorney usually comes into effect when two medical practitioners make a written declaration regarding the loss of capacity of the Donor.

The Enduring Power of Attorney ends when the Donor of the Enduring Power of Attorney dies, the Enduring Power of Attorney is revoked by court or is revoked by the Donor, etc.

## **WHAT IS A PERSONAL DIRECTIVE (PD)?**

A Personal Directive is a legal document that allows you to appoint someone to personal decisions about you, such as decisions regarding your medical treatment and physical well-being, if you are unable to make decisions for yourself due to an illness or an injury.

If you are giving the authority to someone else to make decisions for you, you are called the Maker. The person you pass the authority to is called the Agent.

This document only comes into effect if you are found to lack capacity. This means you are not able to make your decisions about your personal well-being.



