# Childhood Eye Cancer Trust Your Simple Will Planner



Help us support anyone affected by retinoblastoma for as long as they need us.



## **WRITING YOUR WILL**

Your will gives you the power to decide how your money and possessions are distributed, ensuring they are passed on exactly as you intend.

The information and worksheets below are designed to help you plan and outline your wishes with clarity and ease.

### PREPARING TO WRITE YOUR WILL

Before meeting with a solicitor or professional will writer, it's important to take some time to organise your thoughts and gather essential information. Here's a helpful guide to get you started:

#### Make a list of your assets

Create an inventory of everything you own. To assist with this, we've included a checklist to help you get organised.

#### Decide who you want to include in your will

Consider who you would like to benefit. Gifts can include specific items, cash amounts, or a percentage of your estate.

#### Gather essential information

Have all the relevant information ready, such as:

- Property or land ownership
- Life insurance policies
- · Shares and pensions
- Bank or building society amounts
- Passwords for electronic assets like PayPal, or online banking

#### Think about inheritance tax

Including a gift to charity in your will can be a tax-efficient way to reduce inheritance tax while supporting causes close to your heart.



#### **Appoint Executors, Trustees and Guardians**

Have all the relevant information ready, such as:

- Executors manage the assets and liabilities of your estate and ensure your wishes are carried out.
- Trustees oversee any trusts created in your will.
- Guardians are responsible for caring for children under 18.

Choose people you trust completely for these important roles.

#### Consider Residuary gifts to charity

Residuary gifts are made after pecuniary gifts are distributed. They are an excellent way to support charities, as they don't reduce the value of pecuniary gifts left to family and friends.

By taking these steps, you'll be well prepared to meet with your solicitor or will writer and ensure your wishes are clearly documented.

### **YOUR CHECKLIST**

Prepare for writing your will by using this simple checklist. You can print it off and complete it, or make a note of all the key points to consider before getting started.

Your Full Name	
Your Address	
Your Partner's Name	
Your Partner's Address	
Your Executors' Full Names	
Your Executors' Addresses	
Children's Full Names	
Children's Addresses	
Guardians' Full Names	
Guardians' Addresses	

## THE VALUE OF YOUR ESTATE

This table allows you to list everything you own and eliminate its approximate value. In the first section, calculate the total value of your assets (what you own), and in the second section, list your liabilities (what you owe). By subtracting your liabilities from your assets, you'll determine the overall value of your estate.

The value of your assets	£
Your home	
Home contents including furniture and fittings	
Items of particular value	
Other property and land	
Cars and other vehicles	
Money in banks/accounts	
Shares, investments, national savings, premium bonds	
Insurance and pensions	
Other savings and assets	
Total Assets	

Major Liabilities	£
Your mortgage	
Loans and overdrafts	
Your credit cards	
Credit or Hire Purchase agreements	
Other liabilities	
Total Liabilities	

Total assets minus total liabilities equals your	£
total estate value	







# **NOTES**

Make a note of any questions you have for your solicitor or will writer:

Notes/Questions:	



If you would like to include the Childhood Eye Cancer Trust in your will to support future generations affected by retinoblastoma, here are the details you will need:

Name: Childhood Eye Cancer Trust

**Charity Number:** 327493

Address: Childhood Eye Cancer

Trust, Royal London Hospital,

Whitechapel Road E11FR

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