

## How to sign your Will

Before signing your Will you must assemble two totally independent witnesses. They must be over 18 and neither very old nor hard to trace, in case there is a problem with the validity of your Will. A blind person cannot witness a Will.

The witness must not be a beneficiary or an executor of the Will and must not be the spouse of a beneficiary or executor of the Will. Witnesses to your Will can be married to each other. Provided they are not beneficiaries or executors or any of the other stipulated exemptions as mentioned above, your neighbors would probably do the job quite well.

Preferably, the witnesses should be neither very old nor hard to trace in case there is a problem with the validity of your Will. A blind person cannot witness a Will.

The testator must sign the Will first. The witnesses must watch the testator sign. The witnesses must then sign the Will and put their names, addresses and occupations. The testator must watch the witnesses sign. You will see that there are appropriate places for the testator and the two witnesses to sign.

When you insert the dates this should be written in words (ie seventh not 7 and march not 3)

You should keep the Will in a safe place at home or with your bank. You ought to let the executors or one of the major beneficiaries under your Will know where it is kept. You should never attach anything to your Will by way of a paper clip, pin or otherwise or in any way leave any mark on it. Such marks can cause great difficulty when it comes to prove your Will in the probate registry.