

# Protect yourself and your loved ones.

A Guide to Wills, Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and Declaration of trusts



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# Unlocking Peace of Mind.

## Secure Your Legacy, Ensure Your Wishes

In the journey of life, preparing for the future is a responsible and caring act. One crucial aspect often overlooked is having a will. A will is a powerful tool that not only ensures your wishes are honored but also provides numerous benefits for both you and your loved ones. Explore the peace of mind that comes with having a will in place.

# 10 Benefits of Having a Will.

## Clarity and Control

With a will, you dictate how your assets are distributed. This provides you with control over your estate and ensures your wishes are honored, avoiding potential family disputes.

## Guardianship for Dependents

For parents, a will is an opportunity to designate a guardian for minor children. This ensures their well-being and care align with your values and preferences.

## Minimize Family Conflicts

Clearly outlining your wishes in a will can significantly reduce the chances of family disputes. Your decisions serve as a guide, minimizing the potential for disagreements among heirs.

## Tax Efficiency

A well-crafted will can help minimize tax liabilities, leaving more of your assets to your chosen beneficiaries rather than to the tax authorities.

## Speed Up Probate Process

Having a will streamlines the probate process, ensuring a faster distribution of assets to beneficiaries. This can alleviate financial stress on your loved ones during a challenging time.

## Protecting Unmarried Partners

Unmarried couples may face legal challenges in the absence of a will. A will allows you to designate your partner as a beneficiary, securing their financial future.

## Charitable Contributions

If philanthropy is close to your heart, a will allows you to allocate assets to charitable organizations or causes you support, leaving a lasting legacy.

## Business Continuity

For business owners, a will can outline the transition of business assets, ensuring the smooth continuation of operations without disruption.

## Choose an Executor

With a will, you have the opportunity to designate an executor whom you trust to carry out your wishes. This person ensures the proper execution of your will and the distribution of assets.

## Peace of Mind for You and Your Loved Ones

Ultimately, having a will provides peace of mind. Knowing that your affairs are in order allows you to focus on living life to the fullest, and it spares your loved ones the burden of making difficult decisions during an emotional time.

Don't wait to secure your legacy. Contact us today on **020 3058 3365** or email **wills@ackroydlegal.com** to create a will tailored to your unique needs and preferences. Your thoughtful planning today ensures a smoother transition for your loved ones tomorrow.



# 10 Benefits of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

## Decision-making Control

LPA grants you the authority to choose someone you trust to make decisions on your behalf regarding your health and welfare. This ensures that your preferences are considered, even if you are unable to express them.

## Financial Management:

LPA for property and financial affairs allows you to appoint an attorney to manage your finances, pay bills, and make important financial decisions if you become incapacitated. It safeguards your assets and ensures ongoing financial stability.

## Avoiding Court Intervention

With an LPA in place, there is no need for expensive and time-consuming court proceedings to appoint a deputy to make decisions on your behalf. LPA provides a smoother and more efficient process.

## Customization

LPAs are flexible and can be tailored to your specific needs and preferences. You can include specific instructions or restrictions, ensuring that your attorney acts in accordance with your wishes.

## Healthcare Preferences

LPA for health and welfare allows you to specify your healthcare preferences, including medical treatment, living arrangements, and end-of-life care. This ensures that your chosen representative can advocate for your healthcare wishes.

## Property Management

LPA extends to the management of your property, allowing your chosen attorney to handle property-related decisions such as maintenance, renovations, or even property transactions.

## Consistency in Decision-Making

LPAs provide a consistent approach to decision-making, ensuring that your chosen representative follows your established guidelines even as circumstances may change.

## Real-time Decision-making

LPAs empower your chosen attorney to make real-time decisions, responding promptly to evolving situations without the delays associated with court processes.

## Reduced Stress for Loved Ones

By clearly outlining your wishes in an LPA, you alleviate the stress on family members, providing them with a clear roadmap to follow in making decisions on your behalf.

## Financial Transparency

LPA for financial affairs ensures transparency in financial management, with your appointed attorney being accountable and transparent in handling your financial matters.

This powerful legal document not only safeguards your interests but also provides reassurance that your wishes will be respected, no matter the circumstances. Contact us today on **020 3058 3365** or email [LPA@ackroydlegal.com](mailto:LPA@ackroydlegal.com) for further information.

## Empowerment and Security.

### Ensuring Your Wishes are Respected, Come What May

In planning for the future, Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) emerges as an invaluable legal tool. This instrument empowers individuals to make decisions about their finances, health, and welfare even when they are unable to do so themselves. Explore the multitude of benefits that LPAs offer.







## Empowering Property Ownership.

A Declaration of Trust is a legal document that clarifies the ownership structure and rights of individuals regarding a property. Here are ten key benefits that make a Declaration of Trust invaluable in property ownership:

## 10 Benefits of a Declaration of Trust.

### Ownership Clarification

Clearly outlines the ownership structure, specifying each party's share in the property. This reduces the likelihood of disputes or misunderstandings in the future.

### Financial Contributions

Allows co-owners to document their respective financial contributions to the property, ensuring a fair distribution of ownership rights based on individual investments.

### Flexible Ownership Percentages

Provides flexibility in determining ownership percentages, allowing parties to customize the distribution of shares based on their specific financial contributions or agreements.

### Contingency Planning

Enables the inclusion of contingency clauses, addressing potential scenarios such as the sale of the property, the death of a co-owner, or changes in financial circumstances.

### Mortgage Liability

Clearly defines the responsibility of each party for mortgage payments, preventing misunderstandings and potential financial disputes related to the property's financing.

### Protection of Interests

Safeguards the interests of co-owners by establishing rules for decision-making regarding the property, maintenance costs, and major financial decisions.

### Occupancy Arrangements

Addresses issues related to property occupancy, specifying whether it will be used as a primary residence, rental property, or for other purposes, preventing disputes over usage.

### Exit Strategies

Outlines exit strategies for co-owners, including the process for selling or transferring shares, ensuring a smooth transition in case one party decides to leave the ownership arrangement.

### Avoidance of Legal Conflicts

Helps prevent legal conflicts by establishing a clear framework for resolving disputes or disagreements among co-owners without resorting to expensive and time-consuming litigation.

### Asset Protection

Provides a layer of asset protection by documenting the parties' intentions and agreements, reducing the risk of legal challenges that could jeopardize property ownership.

In conclusion, a Declaration of Trust is a powerful tool for co-owners, offering transparency, flexibility, and protection of individual interests in a shared property. Contact us today on **020 3058 3365** or email [Declarationoftrust@ackroydlegal.com](mailto:Declarationoftrust@ackroydlegal.com) for further information.





# Testimonials.

What our customers say about us:

Recently lost a family member due to COVID and needed legal services. I used the company do deal with probate, handle a will and sort out everything for me. The staff was always highly attentive and giving me constant feedback about the process. Would highly recommend them for any kind of service.

Danillo S



Southampton office were great in helping with my mum's Probate. A very efficient and professional team. We're going back to do our Wills with the team there. Will highly recommend to all.

David



Thank you to Keri Castillo from the Southampton office who resolved our probate issue in 24 hours. We met with Keri after a complex issue involving our mothers estate after using another firm in the area who took too long to even answer a phone call! She listened to our concerns, made us feel really comfortable when speaking about such a hard topic and gave us great advice. We were so impressed we are also going to do our Wills and Powers of Attorney with her.

Abigail



Chose this company for a probate house conveyancing via one of the compare websites. After signing up was contacted by a paralegal - Rheanne Coughlan - who was very helpful, especially when it came to explaining various aspects of the house sale. We had a very demanding buyer who was making demands on us who was quite literally shot down by Rheanne. Anytime I had cause to contact her she replied via email very quickly. If and when I do move again - I certainly will not hesitate to use Rheanne.

Emily



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# Why choose us?



## 1-to-1 Service

We start you off with a dedicated case handler



## Regulated

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## Fixed Fees

We offer a fixed price for your Conveyancing, Will and Probate matters



## International presence

We have multiple offices within the UK or internationally.

With offices across the UK, we work with clients across the country and beyond. To find out more about our services, or for a free, no-obligation quote, please get in touch on [020 3058 3365](tel:02030583365) or email us at [enquiries.sa@ackroydlegal.com](mailto:enquiries.sa@ackroydlegal.com).



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Our Head office is located in the heart of London, with five additional offices situated throughout the City, each of which is easily accessible and staffed by a diverse team of Solicitors.

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We are continually expanding and have established offices outside of London to satisfy the growing demand from our clients.

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## International Presence

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We have a dedicated team of experts in our international offices in China and the UAE, whose considerable experience and expertise in various areas of law from conveyancing to corporate matters, which enables us to provide comprehensive and knowledgeable advice.

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