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Do-It-Yourself

Before making a will, we recommend getting advice from a legal professional by using the resources listed on the right under “Clinics, Registries & Events”, or by getting in contact with a [lawyer](#) or a [notary](#) who specializes in wills.

Public libraries carry some titles that broadly explain wills and estate planning concepts. However, these books may not incorporate the latest BC laws and rules.

Step 1 – Read some commonly-asked questions about wills and personal planning to get a better idea of what you need to do for your situation:

Clicklaw: Commonly Asked Questions

[How Do I Make a Will?](#) includes resources from:

- [People’s Law School](#) · Good overview of wills, including a glossary of wills-related terms.
- [Dial-a-Law](#) · What is a will, what can it contain, who can you appoint, and what if you have children.
- [UBC LSLAP](#) · Manual used by law students handling wills cases at legal clinics. Breaks down common provisions included in wills.
- [BC Ministry of Justice](#) · Overview of procedure to deal with a person’s estate after death.

More wills-related Common Qs:

- [Relative died without a will](#)
- [Wills for people who live on reserve](#)
- [Executor of a will – now includes Estate Guide](#)
- [Probate application and forms](#)
- [Contesting or Disputing a will](#)

Also see: [Personal Planning Common Questions – Representation Agreements, Powers of Attorney, Advance Directive, Living Will, Advance Care Planning](#)

Step 2 – If your situation fits, you can make your own will or personal planning document online:

If you need a simple will, you may use [MyLawBC](#) to make your will online. Check if your situation is [not covered](#).

If you need personal planning documents like Representation Agreements, [Nidus](#) provides [DIY forms with detailed information and guides](#).

Print Resources

Guide to Wills & Estates | Gabrielle Komorowska

KN125.G841 This guide contains instructions, practical examples, tips, and detailed procedures.

Wills and Personal Planning Precedents: An Annotated Guide, Peter W. Bogardus, QC and Mary B. Hamilton

KN125.9.B63 This collection of sample will clauses and documents includes BC-focused forms.

Clinics, Registries & Events

- ♦ **Access Pro Bono Wills Clinics:** Vancouver - Free help w/ simple wills, representation agreements for low-income seniors 55+ & people w/ terminal illnesses. **604.424.9600** or willsclinic@accessprobono.ca
- ♦ **Access Pro Bono Roster Wills Program:** Free help on non-lawsuit-related wills & estates matters for qualifying persons outside of the lower mainland.
- ♦ **LSLAP Clinics:** Allard Law’s Program helps low-income earners draft wills (for estates under \$25,000) and other personal planning documents. **604.822.5791**
- ♦ **UBC Indigenous Community Legal Clinic** - Will Creation/Search, Letters of Administration, Powers of Attorney, Rep Agreements 604-. Must live in Lower Mainland, low income, self-identify as Indigenous. **604-822-1311, 1-888-684-7874, icl@allard.ubc.ca**
- ♦ **Wills Registry:** Register or search for a wills notice with: legal name, D.O.B., date signed, location of will, date notice filed. They do not keep a copy of the will or any content info.
- ♦ **Nidus Personal Planning Registry:** Securely file copies of legal documents online, including: wills, powers of attorney, representation agreements.

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