

List of possessions for your will

What you own, where the paperwork is, and who you would like to have your belongings

This list is not your will. Writing a name here does not leave anything to that person. Your will decides what happens to your money, property and possessions, and it is only legally valid if you sign it in front of 2 witnesses aged 18 or over, who then sign it in front of you. To change a will after it is signed, you need a codicil or a new will. Scotland and Northern Ireland have different rules.

Your name

Date of this list

Where your will is kept

Your executor or executors, and how to reach them

Solicitor or will writer, if you have one

Bank, building society and NS&I accounts

Include current and savings accounts, ISAs and Premium Bonds. Write only the last 4 digits of each account number. Never write PINs, passwords or full card numbers on this list.

Bank, building society or NS&I	Account type (current, savings, ISA, Premium Bonds)	Last 4 digits of account number	Sole or joint	Notes

Pensions and life insurance

List every pension and life insurance policy, with the provider's name and your policy or member number, so your executor knows whom to contact.

Provider	Type (State, workplace or private pension, life insurance)	Policy or member number	Where the paperwork is	Notes

Shares, funds and other investments

Include shares held on certificate, stocks and shares ISAs, unit trusts and accounts on investment platforms.

Company, fund or platform	Number of shares or units	Account or certificate number	Where the paperwork is	Notes

Property and land

Include your home, any other buildings or land, and property abroad. Note whether you own it alone or jointly, and where the deeds are.

Address	Owned alone or jointly (and with whom)	Mortgage lender	Where the deeds are	Notes

Cars, caravans, boats and other vehicles

Note any finance still owed on a vehicle and where its logbook (V5C) is kept.

Make and model	Registration	Finance owed to	Where the logbook is	Who you would like to have it	Notes

Jewellery, watches and other valuables

Describe each piece clearly enough that your family can tell it apart from similar ones: metal, stones, maker, engraving. A rough value helps whoever writes your will.

Item and description	Where it is kept	Approximate value (£)	Who you would like to have it	Notes

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Other possessions, room by room

Furniture, pictures, books, tools, collections and anything with family meaning.

Room	Item	Approximate value (£)	Who you would like to have it	Notes
Hallway				
Hallway				
Living room				
Living room				
Dining room				
Dining room				
Kitchen				
Kitchen				
Study				
Study				
Main bedroom				
Main bedroom				
Bedroom 2				
Bedroom 2				
Bedroom 3				

Room	Item	Approximate value (£)	Who you would like to have it	Notes
Bedroom 3				
Bathroom				
Bathroom				
Garage				
Garage				
Garden and shed				
Garden and shed				
Loft				
Loft				
Safe or bank				
Safe or bank				
Other				
Other				

Other assets

Money owed to you, assets abroad, cryptoassets, a business, or an interest in a trust.

What it is	Who holds it or owes it	Reference number	Where the paperwork is	Notes

Mortgages, loans and other debts

Your executor will need to find and settle these, so list each lender and the account it relates to.

Owed to	What for	Account or reference number	Notes

Where to find important papers

Tell your executor, or a close friend or relative, where your will is kept.

Document	Where it is kept	Notes
Will and any codicils		
Birth and marriage or civil partnership certificates		
Property deeds		
Share certificates		
Premium Bonds		
Pension and life insurance documents		
Vehicle logbooks (V5C)		
Funeral plan or wishes		
Other		

Keeping your will and this list up to date

- Your will should set out who you want to benefit, who should look after any children under 18, who your executor is, and what happens if someone you want to benefit dies before you.
- You can keep your will at home or store it with your solicitor, your bank, a will storage company, or the Probate Service. Keep this list with it.
- GOV.UK suggests reviewing your will every 5 years and after any major change in your life, such as marriage (which cancels an earlier will), divorce, a new child or moving house. Update this list when you do.
- You can write your will yourself, but get advice if it is not straightforward, for example if you have property overseas, a business, or family members who may make a claim.

Based on GOV.UK guidance, checked 15 October 2026. Not legal or tax advice. Free to print and share. The latest version is at <https://probatevalue.co.uk/possessions-list-for-your-will>