

Wills & Succession

Law

How property passes on death.

Requirements and consequences.

Typical will requirements

In writing and signed by the testator

Witnessed, usually by two people

Testator has capacity to make it

Made without undue influence

Witnesses generally cannot benefit

If there is no valid will

Statutory intestacy rules apply

Fixed order of entitlement

May not match the deceased's wishes

Unmarried partners often excluded

Educational reference. Formality and intestacy rules differ substantially by jurisdiction. This is not legal advice.