



Helpful Legal Information for Wills and Estate Planning

Your Legal Rights, a project of CLEO, is a website for the Ontario public that brings together legal information on dozens of topics from hundreds of reliable sources across the province.

Go to www.yourlegalrights.on.ca and look under **Wills and Estates > All resources on this topic**.

There you will see many resources relating to Wills and Estate Planning, including:

Title	Power of Attorney for Personal Care
Source	Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)
Content	This pamphlet explains what a Power of Attorney for Personal Care is, the reasons to make one, and what can happen if you do not. Available in print and online.

Title	Why Make a Will
Source	Kingston Community Legal Clinic
Content	This resource looks at what happens if you die without a will: you give up the right to choose who inherits your property, how much each person gets, and when they will get it. The article concludes with links to more information.

Title	Estate Planning
Source	Ministry of the Attorney General
Content	This website answers many questions and offers basic information about estate planning including wills, estates, trusts, powers of attorney, help for incapable family members, and finding a lawyer.

Title	Information Required When Making a Will
Source	Community Advocacy & Legal Centre
Content	This is a checklist of personal and financial information and items you should have ready for a lawyer who is preparing a draft of your will.

Title	Advance Care Planning
Source	Advocacy Centre for the Elderly
Content	Written for seniors, this section of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) website has information about how people can plan for a time when they no longer have the mental capacity to make decisions about their health care.

Title	Continuing Power of Attorney for Property
Source	Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)
Content	This pamphlet explains what a Continuing Power of Attorney for Property is, the reasons to make one, and what can happen if you do not. Available in print and online.

Title	Wills
Source	Advocacy Centre for the Elderly
Content	Written for seniors, this section of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) website discusses wills and estate trustees (executors). There are also frequently asked questions and links to ACE publications on topics such as holograph wills.

Title	Your Law Series: Wills and Estates
Source	Law Society for Upper Canada
Content	In this video, two Ontario lawyers discuss the importance of having a properly drafted will and power of attorney.

Title	Making a Will
Source	Community Legal Clinic - Simcoe, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes
Content	This self-help kit includes a glossary of legal terms and sections that talk about who can make a will, what types of wills there are, and when to use a lawyer.

Related Common Questions

Go to www.yourlegalrights.on.ca/common-questions-browse and look under the topic **Wills and Estates** to find answers to questions like this:

Can I make a will to ensure that my new spouse will get custody of my daughter if I die?

What is a Power of Attorney?

What is a "living will"? Should I have one?

Where to get legal help

Go to www.yourlegalrights.on.ca/find-services and look under **Services by Legal Topic > Wills and Estates**.

Ontario's **Community Legal Clinics** are funded by Legal Aid Ontario to provide legal services for low-income individuals and families in a variety of areas of law. In some cases, clinics can assist with wills and legal issues related to estate law. Clinics can also help you to find support and help by directing you to other community agencies or lawyers in your area that provide assistance and information. For more information visit www.legalaid.on.ca or call:

Toll-free: 1-800-668-8258

Toronto area: 416-979-1446

Toll-free TTY: 1-866-641-8867

Toronto area TTY: 416-598-8867

The **Advocacy Centre for the Elderly** provides direct legal services to low-income senior citizens in Ontario. They have particular expertise in issues of consent and capacity, powers of attorney, elder abuse, and issues related to long-term care services. Visit their website at www.acelaw.ca or call 416-598-2656.

The Law Society of Upper Canada has information to help you find legal assistance. Visit the Law Society's online **Lawyer and Paralegal Directory** or call the **Law Society Referral Service** at 416-947-3330 or 1-800-268-8326.

JusticeNet is a not-for-profit service helping people in need of legal expertise, whose income is too high to access legal aid and too low to afford standard legal fees. JusticeNet is currently available to anyone living in Ontario. Visit their website at www.justicenet.org or call 416-479-0552 or 1-866-919-3219.

You can use this space to jot down questions you would like to ask or notes you want to make about the presentation.

Remember that the presenter cannot give you legal advice about your particular issue – they can give you general legal information.

Question 1:

Question 2:

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