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Five Reasons to Die Without a Will

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There must be powerful reasons to avoid writing a will because so many people die without one. Just in case you happen to be one of the seven out of 10 people who will depart this world without a will, here are five reasons to do so.

1. The court can do a better job deciding how to disburse your assets than you can.
2. The court can choose a better personal representative to handle your estate during probate than you can.
3. The court can choose a more caring guardian for your minor children than you can.
4. The government will use your estate tax dollars more efficiently than your favorite charity would use a charitable bequest.
5. Your grieving loved ones will be better off looking after your affairs without your will.

Powerful reasons? Hardly. Nonetheless, people unwittingly affirm these reasons year after year as they continue to put off the minor inconvenience of making a will.

Your Putnam County Community Foundation urges you to take action now. Your family will appreciate it. The charities you support will appreciate it. And you will appreciate the peace of mind you get from fulfilling one of your most important stewardship responsibilities.

Like many people, you may be uncertain about going to an attorney. But an attorney who specializes in estate planning knows the right questions to ask and the best ways to help

you accomplish your goals. These professionals are knowledgeable and normally well worth the time and expense.

While you will still need to meet with your professional advisor for expert counsel, an advance meeting or two with your Community Foundation will prove useful and could save costs by helping you make the best use of your attorney's time. Our services are available to you without any obligation or cost whatsoever. We can also provide you with helpful printed material on making a will and, if you like, supply information on ways you can include charitable giving in your plans.

Caring for the disposition of your assets is just too important to delay. It's important for you, for your loved ones and for your community.

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