

16 things to keep in mind about your will

1. You should not write your own will; use a lawyer.
2. After your will is made, you must sign it.
3. If you are not able, someone must sign it for you in your presence at your direction.
4. Your signature must be witnessed.
5. You should check to see how many witnesses the law of your province requires.
6. You should ascertain if your will is valid after you move to another province.
7. You should check your will if a child or children are born or adopted after it is made.
8. Your will should be restudied after deaths in your family have occurred.
9. Will revisions should be considered when the value or composition of your property changes substantially.
10. Your will should be checked when new laws may affect the distribution of your property.
11. Your will may need to be redrafted if an accident or illness renders one or more members of your family incapable of self-support.
12. Your will should be revised if a named guardian, through death or illness, could not now serve.
13. Your will should substitute a new executor (executrix) if for any reason the one named could not now serve.
14. Your will should be modified when percentage rather than dollar or specific property designations would better distribute your property.
15. Your will should be changed when income provisions for your surviving spouse and family are no longer adequate.
16. Your will and your life insurance should be coordinated expertly to make both of utmost value.