

WILL MAKING AND SUCCESSION

What is a will?

A will is a document made during a person's lifetime in which that person directs or states how their property and other affairs should be dealt with after their death. One can write a will at any point during their lifetime.



Who has capacity to write a will?

- A person of sound mind
- A person who is 21 years old and above
- A person who is writing it from their own desire.

Benefits in writing a will

- Your property is distributed according to your wishes
- Conflicts or disagreements over your property are avoided
- Saves your family the additional expense of legal service costs
- Protects the family left behind and ensures they receive proper distribution of your property.

Where to store your will

A bank

A lawyer

A church or mosque leader

A close, trusted friend or relative

Local leaders

Institutions such as Uganda Network on Law Ethics and HIV/AIDS (UGANET)

Request a sample of a will which includes guidance on how to write it from your health care worker or lawyer.