

# Essential Tips

## 5 Questions to consider before drawing up a will



**1. What do you own?**  
Understanding what you own helps you decide what to include in your will. Remember, you may own things that aren't tangible e.g. investments/savings. These should also be included in your will.



**2. What assets do you have specific wishes for and who should be the beneficiaries of these?**  
You can give very broad instructions in your will, however, if you have any specifics in mind, you will need to detail these. Name the assets in clear and specific language and the beneficiary.



**3. Who do you trust to be your executor to administer your estate?**  
Remember: being an executor comes with a range of responsibilities, and know how. Generally the Master of the High Court, who appoints the executor or executrix, will insist on a legal professional or a trust company being appointed.



**4. If you have children, who do you want to be the guardian?**  
Firstly, it should be someone you trust to always have your children's best interests at heart. You should discuss guardianship with the person/s you have in mind, to ensure that they are capable and informed of your desires, should the need arise.



**5. Is it better to draft the will up yourself or seek professional assistance?**  
The more specific your requirements, and the more assets in your estate, the better it is to seek expert help.

