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Mirror Wills Kit

Two matching Wills for couples, written together, signed separately

Two near-identical Wills, each fully valid on its own, written so you can decide together.

For England & Wales

A self-help template kit, not legal advice

The complete DIY estate plan, done properly.

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Welcome, and thank you, both of you

Mirror Wills are the most common form of Will in the UK. They're not "joint" Wills, each of you signs your own. They simply mirror one another so the same plan applies whichever of you dies first.

Going through this together is the point. Most couples have never actually said out loud what they want to happen to the house, the kids, or that mug collection. An hour at the table now saves your family a lot later.

HOW MIRROR WILLS DIFFER FROM A JOINT WILL

A joint Will is one document signed by both people, and it locks both of you in. Mirror Wills are two separate documents, fully independent, individually amendable. If one of you later wants to change theirs, they can. That flexibility is why solicitors recommend them.

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Part 1, How mirror Wills work

The “first to die / second to die” structure

Most mirror Wills follow this pattern:

1. Everything goes to my spouse / civil partner / long-term partner if they survive me.
2. If they do not survive me, my estate goes to [our children / named people].
3. Specific gifts (jewellery, keepsakes, charity gifts) are listed individually.
4. Executors and guardians are appointed.

MARRIAGE AUTOMATICALLY REVOKES A WILL

If you've got married or formed a civil partnership since making any earlier Will (even one made just before the wedding), that earlier Will is no longer valid. Make new Wills now.

If you aren't married or in a civil partnership

Cohabiting partners have no automatic right to inherit under English intestacy rules. Mirror Wills are even more important for unmarried couples, they are often the only thing that makes sure the survivor keeps the home.