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Do you have the Will to say I Do?

SPRING is the traditional season for weddings, and if you are getting married soon then no doubt you are busy making arrangements for your big day.

Aside from the important details of booking the venue, choosing the dress and sorting out the guest list, there is one aspect that commonly gets overlooked - making a Will.

If you have a current Will and subsequently get married, then your Will is automatically revoked. This means that your wishes will not be carried out on your death, even if under your current Will, you had made provision for your intended.

It is also a common misconception that on death your assets will pass automatically to your new spouse, but this is not necessarily the case. If you die without a Will then your estate passes under the laws of intestacy, which means dependant on your circumstances that your spouse inherits a set sum with the rest passing to children or other family members.

Of course, death is not something any of us like to think about, especially on your wedding day, but dealing with it now can put your mind at ease and ensure that you can go off on



honeymoon knowing that your affairs are in order.

We can advise you on all aspects of making a Will and create a Will for you, before the big day, which will remain valid and in place afterwards. We can also deal with the appointment of guardians for any young children and the setting up of Trust Funds for them to help with their education and upbringing.

If it is a second marriage, there may be other considerations such as providing for different sides of the family, especially where both spouses have children from previous relationships.

Finally, if you are in a relationship and not considering marriage, you still need a Will; perhaps even more so in this situation because the current laws of intestacy do not make any provision for cohabitants.

If you would like any advice regarding a Will, or if you are bereaved and would like to know where you stand, please contact either Rachel Smith or Julia Kirkham, on 01386 442 558 or email them direct on the addresses shown below.

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