

Things to keep in mind when writing a will

What you need to do in a last will and testament:

- Identify Yourself
- Declare your will
- Declare any previous will to be void
- Specify that you are of sound mind and that you are not in any undue stress
- Mention your relationships
- Specify and authorize your executor
- Determine beneficiaries
- Determine what assets are yours to give away
- State and specify how your assets will be given away
- Define conditional gifts
- Define Guardians
- Write any special requests you may have
- Find Two witnesses
- Finalize your will

Identifications and Declarations

You need to identify yourself fully in the beginning of the will. Aside from your name you also need to include your social security number, or a similar other identification that is unique to you. This ensures that there is no contestation about who wrote the will. You also need to declare that you are of sound mind and that you are writing the will with free will instead of undue stress to do so.

It is also important that you declare the will to be your last and that you announce any previous wills to be void and null. People often change wills when the status of their property or of the beneficiaries changes. If you have made a will and testament before you need to ensure that you void them by declaring on your latest will. It is also very helpful to identify the relationships you have. Include information about who you are married to as well as your children.