



Instructions – Mirror Wills (All Versions)

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1. Instructions – Mirror Will (Married Couple, No Guardianship)

Step-by-Step Instructions

Use this guide to complete your Mirror Will template. Each spouse must fill and sign their own will.

1. **Testator Details**

Fill in your full name and current UK address.

2. **Appointment of Executors and Trustees**

Appoint your spouse as your primary executor.

Also appoint an alternative executor in case your spouse cannot act.

- [Executor Full Name]
- [Executor Address]
- [Alternative Executor Name]
- [Alternative Address]

3. **Gifts of Personal Effects**

(Optional) Enter who should receive specific items like jewellery or keepsakes.

4. **Specific Gifts (optional)**

(Optional) Add instructions for leaving money or valuable items to others.

- Examples: “£1,000 to my brother, Paul” or “My bike to my nephew, Leo”

5. **Residuary Estate**

Leave everything else to your spouse.

If they die before you, name backup beneficiaries.

- [Residual Beneficiary Name(s)]

6. **Funeral Wishes (optional)**

Choose whether you’d prefer burial or cremation.

State if you wish for a religious or non-religious ceremony.

7. **Signing Section**

Sign in front of two adult witnesses who:

- Are not named in the will
- Are not related to you
- Are not married to anyone listed in the will

2. Instructions – Mirror Will (Married Couple, With Guardianship)

Step-by-Step Instructions

Use this guide for Mirror Wills that include children under 18. Each partner must complete their own version.

1. **Testator Details**

Write your full legal name and current home address.

2. **Appointment of Executors and Trustees**

Appoint your spouse as your executor. Add an alternative as backup.

- [Executor Full Name]
- [Executor Address]
- [Alternative Executor Name]
- [Alternative Address]

3. **Appointment of Guardians**

Name someone you trust to care for your children if you pass away.
Also appoint a backup guardian.

- [Guardian Name]
- [Guardian Address]
- [Alternative Guardian Name]
- [Alternative Address]

4. **Gifts of Personal Effects**

(Optional) Leave items like jewellery, tools, or personal effects.

5. **Specific Gifts (optional)**

Add any cash or property gifts for non-spouse beneficiaries.

- Examples: “£500 to my sister, Emma.”

6. **Residuary Estate**

Give the remainder of your estate to your spouse.
If they’ve predeceased you, name backup beneficiaries.

7. **Funeral Wishes (optional)**

Select cremation or burial, and religious preferences if desired.

8. **Signing Section**

Sign in front of two witnesses who are not listed in the will or related to you.
They must sign in each other’s presence.

3. Instructions – Mirror Will (Unmarried Couple, No Guardianship)

Step-by-Step Instructions

Each partner must complete and sign their own will.

1. **Testator Details**

Write your full name and UK address.

2. **Appointment of Executors and Trustees**

Appoint your partner as your executor. Add a backup in case they cannot act.

- [Executor Full Name]
- [Executor Address]
- [Alternative Executor Name]
- [Alternative Address]

3. **Gifts of Personal Effects**

(Optional) Leave personal belongings to friends or family.

4. **Specific Gifts (optional)**

Add any instructions for specific financial gifts or items.

5. **Residuary Estate**

Leave everything to your partner.

If they die before you, name alternate beneficiaries.

6. **Funeral Wishes (optional)**

Add your preferred arrangements.

7. **Signing Section**

Sign your will in front of two adult witnesses who are not involved in the will.

4. Instructions – Mirror Will (Unmarried Couple, With Guardianship)

Step-by-Step Instructions

Use this guide if you are not married and want to include guardianship.

1. **Testator Details**

Write your full legal name and address.

2. **Appointment of Executors and Trustees**

Appoint your partner as executor. Add a backup in case they are unable.

- [Executor Full Name]
- [Executor Address]
- [Alternative Executor Name]
- [Alternative Address]

3. **Appointment of Guardians**

Assign someone to care for your children and a backup.

- [Guardian Name]
- [Guardian Address]
- [Alternative Guardian Name]
- [Alternative Address]

4. **Gifts of Personal Effects**

List any items you want to leave to someone.

5. **Specific Gifts (optional)**

Mention any gifts of money or property.

6. **Residuary Estate**

Give everything to your partner, or list backups if they pass before you.

7. **Funeral Wishes (optional)**

Add your burial or ceremony preferences.

8. **Signing Section**

Sign in the presence of two qualified witnesses.

5. Common Terms Explained

- **Testator** – The person writing the will
- **Executor** – The person handling your estate
- **Guardian** – Person caring for children under 18
- **Beneficiary** – Someone receiving a gift under the will
- **Witness** – Must be over 18 and not named in the will

6. Tips for Choosing Executors & Guardians

- Select responsible, trustworthy people
- Consider age, availability, and location
- Always name an alternative for both roles
- Guardians should align with your values and be legally eligible

7. Final Steps

1. Replace all placeholder text (e.g. [example name]) with real details
2. Delete any sections you don't use
3. Keep the clause structure as it is
4. Print and sign in front of two adult witnesses
5. Store the original securely and inform your executor

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