

Address and phone number. We will then forward to you our Will Instructions Sheet.

Step 2 - Return the Will Instruction Sheet to our office.

Step 3 - Within 5 working days one of our solicitors will draft your Will and either send the Will to you for signing or if you wish make an appointment for you to attend our office to sign your Will. It is important that the Executor of your Will is aware that you have a Will and where it is kept.

At Rowe Lawyers we do not charge any fees to hold your original Will giving you peace of mind that your Will is in a safe and secure place at all times. Call us for more information on how we can help you.

Do you need a Power of Attorney?

What is a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney is a legal document that you sign which gives someone else the right to do things in your name. Usually a Power of Attorney is made by a person (called the 'principal') that allows another person (called the 'attorney') to deal with the principal's money and assets. These assets may include the principal's bank accounts, money, shares, real estate and other types of assets.

No one has the right to act for you unless you sign a Power of Attorney allowing him or her to act for you as your attorney.

There are two types of powers of attorney; a General Power of Attorney; and an Enduring Power of Attorney.

Essentially, depending on what limits you wish to impose, your attorney can do all the things you can do with your money and assets.

What is a General Power of Attorney?

A General Power of Attorney only lasts until the principal loses 'mental capacity'. This means that when the principal cannot manage their affairs or cannot understand a document that they are signing, the power given to the attorney will lapse.

A General Power of Attorney is useful when, for instance, you are going overseas for a short period and need someone to look after your affairs whilst you are away.

What is an Enduring Power of Attorney?

An Enduring Power of Attorney is one that continues even after the principal has lost mental capacity. The formalities for an Enduring Power of Attorney differ from those for a General Power of Attorney.

An Enduring Power of Attorney is useful where you become unable to look after your affairs at some point in the future, perhaps because of physical or mental illness. An Enduring Power of Attorney allows you to prepare for that prospect.

What about my right if I have a Power of Attorney?

Just because you appoint an attorney doesn't mean that you lose your right to operate your bank account or deal with your real estate or affect any other right you have over your assets. You will be able to manage your assets while you still can think properly and understand what is going on around you.

Why should I make a Power of Attorney now?

You should make a Power of Attorney when you are well and before you need someone to look after things for you. This is particularly so with an Enduring Power of Attorney. If you have lost mental capacity you cannot make a Power of Attorney because you will not be able to understand what you are signing.

Please feel free to call Chad Rowe or Fern Fisher from our office anytime on 5526 0676 for more information on how we can assist you with these matters.

Also, please feel free to pass on our newsletter to your family and friends. We'd be happy to help them too.

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