



Wills & Personal Planning Resources

Make a Will Week in BC encourages residents to make or update their will. A will is a document that leaves instructions about what you want done with everything you own after you die and appoints someone to administer your estate. Personal planning documents, such as representation agreements and powers of attorney, appoint people to make financial, legal, and healthcare decisions for you in the event you become unable to make decisions yourself.

This document introduces some resources that can help when making a will or personal planning documents in BC. To find a more complete list of resources, including clickable links, check out our online guide: <https://bit.ly/456Tn3C>

Clicklaw: A directory of plain language legal resources in BC, Clicklaw links to many resources to help make a will. Common Questions bring together helpful resources on particular topics, including making a will or deciding on the appropriate personal planning document.

Go to Clicklaw: <https://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/>

Go to the Clicklaw Common Question: *How do I make a will?*
<https://www.clicklaw.bc.ca/question/commonquestion/1147>

Law Students' Legal Advice Program Manual: This title is available online, in print, and as a Clicklaw Wikibook. It includes the chapters "Making and Executing a Will" and "Adult Guardianship and Substitute Decision Making", which discuss preparing a will and personal planning documents, respectively.

Go to the LSLAP Manual: <https://www.lslap.bc.ca/manual.html>

Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry: Nidus has created many resources to help choose and create a representation agreement best suited for your needs. They also maintain a registry for personal planning documents in BC.
Go to Nidus: <https://www.nidus.ca/>

People's Law School: People's Law School has many resources to support people to make their wills and/or prepare personal planning documents. Their information is available online as well as in their publications. Publications can be read online or ordered for free in print booklets.

Go to People's Law School:
<https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/>

Go to People's Law School's publication *Preparing your Will*:
<https://www.peopleslawschool.ca/publications/preparing-your-will/>

Wills and Personal Planning Precedents: An Annotated Guide: available at Courthouse Libraries BC branches, this practice manual provides sample clauses to create your own will, representation agreement, or power of attorney. Available in print or digitally, the digital version includes a document builder, in which patrons can select clauses and download a copy of their document to edit.

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