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### Useful Websites

For more information about our services go to:

[www.abacuswillwriters.com](http://www.abacuswillwriters.com)

For help with the rules of intestacy go to;

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/GoVernmentCitizensandRights/Death/Preparation/DG\\_10029802](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/GoVernmentCitizensandRights/Death/Preparation/DG_10029802)

[http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/infoabout/civil/probate/why\\_will.htm](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/infoabout/civil/probate/why_will.htm) :-

<http://www.publicguardian.gov.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/womanshour/03/2009\\_19\\_thu.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/womanshour/03/2009_19_thu.shtml)

[http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/infoabout/civil/probate/why\\_will.htm](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/infoabout/civil/probate/why_will.htm)

<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/areasoflaw/view=areasoflawdetails.law?AREAOFWILL=Wills%20and%20probate&AREAOFWILLID=75>

<http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/intestacy.htm>

### Sponsorship

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**At 11am on Venus TV Sky 805 and 1pm on Prime TV Sky 792 to find out why you need to write a will....**

### Rules of intestacy

People do not like to think about death and the effects it has on those they leave behind, but it is something that needs to eventually be faced. It's natural to wish that your assets are given to your loved ones but without a will sometimes this does not automatically happen. If you die without making a will this is called Intestacy.

- This is where the estate will pass according to intestacy rules, that sets out who is entitled to inherit from your estate
- The first person entitled to your estate is your spouse (if you're married/in a civil partnership) although they do not necessarily inherit the whole of your estate.
- The amount they inherit depends on how much is in your estate and which of your blood relatives survive you

If you die without leaving a will your family could be faced with the long process of trying to sort out your estate. Before thinking of not writing a will you should consider the effects of the intestacy rules could have on your family and your wishes:



- You're living together but are not legally married/in a civil partnership but you wish for your partner to inherit some or all of your estate.
- You're legally married/in a civil partnership and have children and you wish for your spouse/civil partner to inherit all of your estate
- You're have no living relatives and wish to leave your estate to friends or to a charity (the crown may take your estate if you die leaving no will and no surviving relatives)
- You're are legally married and you do not wish to leave anything for your spouse/civil partner
- You're legally married/In a civil partnership but have no children
- You are legally married/in a civil partnership and have children from a previous relationship and you wish to ensure that your children receive something from your estate
- You have dependant relatives e.g. children under 18, elderly relatives or relatives with a disability who have special needs and you want to make sure that they are looked after and provided for (if a will is written you can appoint guardians for your children under 18 and set up trusts in your will to provide for dependants)
- Your estate is large and you may be liable for Inheritance tax and you may wish to

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at the ExCel Centre, London

<http://www.theglobalunity.com/>

**The Young Muslim Writers** awards due to take place May 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

<http://muslimwritersawards.org.uk/>

Tehsin Aslam is also on the board of the Office of Public Guardianship (OPG)

<http://www.publicguardian.gov.uk/>

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays at

11am on Venus TV Sky channel 805 and

1pm on Prime TV Sky Channel 792

Watch out for our new phone-in programme which will be broadcasting on Sunrise TV Sky channel 830 in the upcoming week!!

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make arrangements for tax planning

### Guardianship

Having a will ensures that your child will be provided for should you die prematurely. Should both parents die whilst you're children are under 18 years it's important to appoint a guardian for your children (this can be done in your will) if no will has been made with a guardian for your children. Your children may not necessarily be placed with your loved ones. The courts would have to decide who to give guardianship of your children too and this can be a lengthy process during this time your children may be placed into care until the guardianship has been finalized. The guardian will be responsible for raising your children, so you should designate someone you believe will give them the love and attention they need and who has values that match your own. Before deciding on a guardian for your children/child speak to the person who you would like to look after your children in the event of both parents dying so that they are aware of what you want them to do, and that they are willing to take on the responsibility.



### Up-dating Your Will

You should review the content of your will at the time of any major life event; this may include a change in your financial circumstances, the birth of a child, the death of a close relative, a change in living arrangements, a marriage, civil partnership or divorce. Any of these can have an impact on your will so it's always best to review your will every 3-5 years as there may be significant changes that can alter your will and the intentions you wish to make in regards to your estate.



Keeping your will up-to-date is just as important as creating the will in the first place. If you do not ensure your will is current it may cause legal problems after your death. For example if you marry after writing your will and there is no mention of the impending marriage your will could be made void and then your estate will be dealt with in accordance to the laws of intestacy. To ensure that all of your wishes are carried out you have to review your will and update the documents when any major event occurs.

### News from the Office...

We have now officially joined the 'world of twitter' so for up-to-date minute by minute news from us at Abacus Will Writers follow us on <http://twitter.com/willwritersco>

### The Global Peace and Unity Event

It has now been confirmed that the GPU event will be taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 at the London ExCel Centre. We're very fortunate enough to be able to take part at the event, and will let you know in the coming weeks about what exactly we'll be doing.

