

## COVID-19 Update – Signing your Will

You will appreciate that unfortunately in the current circumstances we are unable to attend in person to the execution of your Will or to provide witnesses.

Provided that all persons remain a suitable distance apart and are present for as short a time as possible, you can still validly execute your Will within the current social distancing requirements.

The Law Society have provided the following information regarding signing a Will and, in addition to the standard formal procedures you must follow to make your Will legally valid, we recommend that you follow the same guidance.

- You must sign the Will in the physical or visual presence of two independent witnesses

### Example 1

You may sign the Will in the same room as the two witnesses but all parties at all times should maintain the recommended minimum 2 metres distance from each other. Once you have signed the Will step away to a safe distance and then the witnesses can each sign using their own pen and gloves if necessary.

### Example 2

You may sign the Will on a surface placed in front of a window with the witnesses outside. If necessary you can hold the Will up to the window and sign it there. Once signed you can either pass the Will through the window or your letterbox for each witness to then sign.

### Example 3

If you are required to travel to execute your Will you may sign the document on your dashboard whilst sitting in the vehicle in the visual presence of two witnesses outside. The two witnesses can then sign on the bonnet of the vehicle, at all times maintaining the recommended minimum 2 metres distance from each other.

- Each person should use their own pen and wear gloves if appropriate.
- All persons should maintain the recommended minimum 2 metres distance from each other at all times.
- You may consider keeping the Will in a separate envelope for at least three days to reduce the possibility of viral transmission.
- You may wish to video the signing (with the permission of the witnesses).
- You may wish to arrange a call or video call with DQ Advocates at the time of signing to ensure the document is executed correctly.

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