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How to Complete Your California Statutory Will

The Official Fill-in-the-Blank Will Written by the California Legislature (Probate Code Section 6240)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR CALIFORNIA STATUTORY WILL.

About this form. The California Statutory Will is a simple, official will for California residents. It lets you leave your home, vehicles and personal belongings, cash gifts, and the rest of your assets; name a guardian for minor children; and name an executor. It is designed for **simple estates**. It cannot create a trust, and it does not avoid probate. If you have a blended family, a business, significant assets, or special wishes, talk to an attorney instead.

1. **Read the whole will first**
   The Legislature's instructions are on the first page. Fill in blanks only — do not add, change, or cross out any words, or parts of the will may not be valid.
2. **Make one choice per section by signing its box**
   In paragraphs 2, 3, and 5, sign in the box beside the **one** choice you want. In paragraph 4, sign beside each cash gift. A choice without your signature in its box does not count.
3. **Name a guardian, custodian, and executor**
   List up to three people in order for each role. Sign the Bond box (paragraph 9) if you do not want your executor to need a bond.
4. **Arrange two adult witnesses — or let us provide them**
   Two adults must watch you sign and sign in each other's presence. Witnesses should **not** be people who receive anything under the will. **First Choice can provide two qualified, independent witnesses for an additional fee — just ask when you book.**
5. **Sign with both witnesses present**
   Read the sentence "This is my Will: I ask the persons who sign below to be my witnesses," then sign and date. Both witnesses then sign and print their names and home addresses. We come to your home, hospital, or care facility.
6. **Store it safely**
   Keep the signed original somewhere safe and tell your executor where it is. A copy is not a substitute for the original.

Good to Know

- Property held in joint tenancy, a living trust, or with a named beneficiary (life insurance, retirement accounts) passes outside the will.
- To change the will, sign a new one with two new witnesses — do not write on the signed original.
- Pair it with a Power of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directive, HIPAA Authorization, or Transfer on Death Deed in the same visit.

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California Statutory Will

California Probate Code, Section 6240

INSTRUCTIONS

1. READ THE WILL. Read the whole Will first. If you do not understand something, ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

2. FILL IN THE BLANKS. Fill in the blanks. Follow the instructions in the form carefully. Do not add any words to the Will (except for filling in blanks) or cross out any words.

3. DATE AND SIGN THE WILL AND HAVE TWO WITNESSES SIGN IT. Date and sign the Will and have two witnesses sign it. You and the witnesses should read and follow the Notice to Witnesses found at the end of this Will.

CALIFORNIA STATUTORY WILL OF

_____

Print Your Full Name

1. Will. This is my Will. I revoke all prior Wills and codicils.

2. Specific Gift of Personal Residence. (Optional-use only if you want to give your personal residence to a different person or persons than you give the balance of your assets to under paragraph 5 below.) I give my interest in my principal personal residence at the time of my death (subject to mortgages and liens) as follows:
(Select one choice only and sign in the box after your choice.)

a. Choice One: All to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, if my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, survives me; otherwise to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me.

Sign here for this choice

b. Choice Two: Nothing to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State; all to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me.

Sign here for this choice

c. Choice Three: All to the following person if he or she survives me (Insert the name of the person.):

_____

(name of person)

Sign here for this choice

d. Choice Four: Equally among the following persons who survive me (Insert the names of two or more persons.):

_____ _____

(name) (name)

_____ _____

(name) (name)

Sign here for this choice

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3. Specific Gift of Automobiles, Household and Personal Effects. (Optional–use only if you want to give automobiles and household and personal effects to a different person or persons than you give the balance of your assets to under paragraph 5 below.) I give all of my automobiles (subject to loans), furniture, furnishings, household items, clothing, jewelry, and other tangible articles of a personal nature at the time of my death as follows:
(Select one choice only and sign in the box after your choice.)

a. Choice One: All to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, if my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, survives me; otherwise to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me.

Sign here for this choice

b. Choice Two: Nothing to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State; all to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me.

Sign here for this choice

c. Choice Three: All to the following person if he or she survives me (Insert the name of the person.):

_____
(name of person)

Sign here for this choice

d. Choice Four: Equally among the following persons who survive me (Insert the names of two or more persons.):

_____ _____
(name) (name)

_____ _____
(name) (name)

Sign here for this choice

4. Specific Gifts of Cash. (Optional) I make the following cash gifts to the persons named below who survive me, or to the named charity, and I sign my name in the box after each gift. If I do not sign in the box, I do not make a gift. (Sign in the box after each gift you make.)

_____ _____
Person or charity to receive gift (one only – print) Amount of cash gift

Sign your name in this box to make this gift

_____ _____
Person or charity to receive gift (one only – print) Amount of cash gift

Sign your name in this box to make this gift

_____ _____
Person or charity to receive gift (one only – print) Amount of cash gift

Sign your name in this box to make this gift

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Person or charity to receive gift (one only – print) _____ Amount of cash gift _____ Sign your name in this box to make this gift

Person or charity to receive gift (one only – print) _____ Amount of cash gift _____ Sign your name in this box to make this gift

5. Balance of My Assets. Except for the specific gifts made in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above, I give the balance of my assets as follows:
(Select one choice only and sign in the box after your choice. If I sign in more than one box or if I do not sign in any box, the court will distribute my assets as if I did not make a Will.)

a. Choice One: All to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, if my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State, survives me; otherwise to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me. Sign here for this choice

b. Choice Two: Nothing to my spouse or domestic partner, registered with the California Secretary of State; all to my descendants (my children and the descendants of my children) who survive me. Sign here for this choice

c. Choice Three: All to the following person if he or she survives me (Insert the name of the person.): Sign here for this choice

_____
(name of person)

d. Choice Four: Equally among the following persons who survive me (Insert the names of two or more persons.): Sign here for this choice

_____ (name) _____ (name)

_____ (name) _____ (name)

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6. Guardian of the Child's Person. If I have a child under age 18 and the child does not have a living parent at my death, I nominate the individual named below as First Choice as guardian of the person of that child (to raise the child). If the First Choice does not serve, then I nominate the Second Choice, and then the Third Choice, to serve. Only an individual (not a bank or trust company) may serve.

Name of First Choice for Guardian of the Person

Name of Second Choice for Guardian of the Person

Name of Third Choice for Guardian of the Person

7. Special Provision for Property of Persons Under Age 25. (Optional–unless you use this paragraph, assets that go to a child or other person who is under age 18 may be given to the parent of the person, or to the Guardian named in paragraph 6 above as guardian of the person until age 18, and the court will require a bond, and assets that go to a child or other person who is age 18 or older will be given outright to the person. By using this paragraph you may provide that a custodian will hold the assets for the person until the person reaches any age from 18 to 25 which you choose.) If a beneficiary of this Will is under the age chosen below, I nominate the individual or bank or trust company named below as First Choice as custodian of the property. If the First Choice does not serve, then I nominate the Second Choice, and then the Third Choice, to serve.

Name of First Choice for Custodian of Assets

Name of Second Choice for Custodian of Assets

Name of Third Choice for Custodian of Assets

Insert any age from 18 to 25 as the age for the person to receive the property (If you do not choose an age, age 18 will apply.)

8. Executor. I nominate the individual or bank or trust company named below as First Choice as executor. If the First Choice does not serve, then I nominate the Second Choice, and then the Third Choice, to serve.

Name of First Choice for Executor

Name of Second Choice for Executor

Name of Third Choice for Executor

9. Bond. My signature in this box means a bond is not required for any person named as executor. A bond may be required if I do not sign in this box:

No bond shall be required.

Sign here for this choice

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(Notice: You must sign this Will in the presence of two (2) adult witnesses. The witnesses must sign their names in your presence and in each other's presence. You must first read to them the following sentence.)

This is my Will: I ask the persons who sign below to be my witnesses.

Signed on _____ at _____ , California.
(date) (city)

_____
Signature of Maker of Will

(Notice to Witnesses: Two (2) adults must sign as witnesses. Each witness must read the following clause before signing. The witnesses should not receive assets under this Will.)

Each of us declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

a. On the date written below the maker of this Will declared to us that this instrument was the maker's Will and requested us to act as witnesses to it;
b. We understand this is the maker's Will;
c. The maker signed this Will in our presence, all of us being present at the same time;
d. We now, at the maker's request, and in the maker's and each other's presence, sign below as witnesses;
e. We believe the maker is of sound mind and memory;
f. We believe that this Will was not procured by duress, menace, fraud or undue influence;
g. The maker is age 18 or older; and
h. Each of us is now age 18 or older, is a competent witness, and resides at the address set forth after his or her name.

Dated: _____

_____	_____
Signature of witness	Signature of witness
_____	_____
Print name here	Print name here
_____	_____
_____	_____
Residence address	Residence address

AT LEAST TWO WITNESSES MUST SIGN
NOTARIZATION ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT

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