



The Abhayaratna Trust

Taking Poverty Out of Practice

Making a will, or amending an existing one, is easier than you think. Prepare for meeting your solicitor or professional will writer by completing this will planner and taking it along with you.

Step 1: Fill in your personal details

Your Name and Address	
Your Executors These are the people who have legal responsibility to carry out the instructions of your will after you die. You can appoint up to four executors. They can be friends or family or a solicitor. Make a note of full names and addresses of each. If you haven't decided this or approached anyone as yet, write down the names of potential executors.	
Full name and address of your designated next of kin	

Step 2: Grab a cuppa and figure out what you have to give.

What do you own?

Item	Estimated value
Your home	
Other property	
Bank accounts and savings	
Stocks and shares	
Insurance and pensions	
Buddhist art or statues	
Household possessions	
Vehicle	

What do you owe?

Item	Amount
Outstanding mortgage	
Loans and overdrafts	
Credit cards	
Other	

Your total assets: what you own minus what you owe

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Step 3: Bequests Make sure the people you love and the causes you care about are remembered in your will.

There are three types of gifts you can choose to make:

- 1. Pecuniary: a gift of a specified sum of money.**
- 2. Residuary: a gift of money or assets left over once all other pay-outs have been made.**
- 3. Specific: a gift of a specific object or objects.**

To include The Abhayaratna Trust in your will, you can use these recommended words:

"I give free of taxes as a charitable bequest (insert here either a specific sum, objects or proportion of your residuary estate) to The Abhayaratna Trust, UK Registered Charity No. 1126494, to be used as both capital and income for the general purposes of The Abhayaratna Trust. I direct that the receipt of the Finance Secretary for the time being or other duly authorised officer shall be a full discharge to my executors."

The contact details to be written into the will are: "Website www.abhayaratnatrust.org (or see up-to-date details for The Abhayaratna Trust at www.charitycommission.gov.uk using the registered number 1126494)."

Name of person or charity	What you wish to leave them - as a % share of your estate or set amount or specific item

Changing an existing will

If you would like to add a gift to The Abhayaratna Trust to an existing will, this can be done quite easily by using a codicil. A codicil does not change the terms of your current will but adds a new instruction.

Changes made to a will by crossing out existing instructions or writing in new ones will not be valid. If you wish to make major changes, such as a gift of all of the residue of your estate or a percentage share of the residue of your estate, it would be better to consult a professional will writer or solicitor and have the will re-written.

Download our codicil form and guidelines at www.abhayaratnatrust.org/legacies

The next step

Speak to your solicitor or find a professional, registered will writer. If you don't have one, then ask around, or check out The Law Society www.lawsociety.org.uk

Visit www.abhayaratnatrust.org/legacies for more on legacies, codicils and making a gift to The Abhayaratna Trust.

Also visit www.triratnadevelopment.org for will-making resources and other Triratna charities.

www.remembercharity.org.uk has guidance on all aspects of will making and charity bequests.

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/relationships/death-and-wills/wills/> has comprehensive information on wills.

Making a will can be a reflective, liberating practice., encouraging us to consider what we most value. Many people find it a huge relief to know that their end of life wishes are legally recorded, and that the people and causes they care about will be remembered.

If you would like more help or information about including the Abhayaratna Trust in your will, then please visit www.abhayaratnatrust.org/legacies or email info@abhayaratnatrust.org

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