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Free Estate Planning Apps

1 Wills & Dying without one

A Will is a legal document that lets you say what you want done with your estate (house, land, personal items) after you die. You will name someone to carry out your last wishes. This person is called your executor. If you die without a will, you're considered to have died intestate. Your property is distributed to people considered your nearest relatives and the rules are not fexlible. If you die without a will, there's no protection for common law parters, stepchildren or grandchildren.

Check out LISNS' free Wills App to make your own basic will: www.legalinfo.org/will

2 Powers of Attorney (POA)

A power of attorney is a legal document that lets you give someone you trust the authority to act in financial and property matters on your behalf. You are called the donor and the person you give authority is called the attorney (even when they aren't a lawyer). Making an enduring POA doesn't limit you from acting on your own behalf and controlling your financial affairs.

If you are doing the job of attorney, you need to keep records and prepare regular accounts.

Check out LISNS' free information on being an attorney and POA-E App to make an enduring POA: https://www.legalinfo.org/poa

3 Personal Directive (PD)

A personal directive lets you choose someone to communicate health and other personal care decisions for you if you can't make them yourself. You name a delegate to speak for you if you can't. You can set out your instructions, wishes, and values about health and other personal care. It's important to prepare a personal directive when you are well.

Check out LISNS' free Personal Directive App to make your own PD: www.legalinfo.org/personaldirective

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