

Preparing Your Estate Plan



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Three Key Portfolio Concerns

- 1 Plan for the Expected
- 2 Prepare for the Unexpected
- 3 Position Your Portfolio for Both

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A Team Approach



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Estate-planning Goals

Asset preservation and transfer

Incapacity planning

Guardian for minors or dependents

Charitable intent and legacy planning

Tax efficiency

Business succession

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Estate-planning Overview

Account registration

Beneficiary designation

Will

Trust

Life insurance

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Account Registration

Investments

Bank accounts

Retirement accounts

Insurance policies

Pension

Property

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Beneficiary Designation

Registered accounts with a valid beneficiary designation generally transfer outside of the estate

Ensure current information on all:

- Life insurance policies
- Retirement accounts
- Other investment accounts

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What Is a Will?

Legal document that governs the distribution of assets owned by you

Determines who gets what when you die



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Don't Have a Will When You Die?

Your estate will be distributed according to provincial intestacy legislation.

Assets without a beneficiary designation will generally fall into your estate

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Role of Executor

Obtain a grant of probate

Inventory assets of the estate

File tax returns

Pay final expenses and taxes

Distribute assets

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Probate

Each province may apply a probate or estate tax on assets located in that province. The tax varies between provinces.

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Important Documents

A continuing or springing power of attorney for property

Health care power of attorney

Living will



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What Is a Trust?

A legal arrangement in which an individual gives control of property to a person or institution (the trustee) for the benefit of beneficiaries



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What Can a Trust Do?

Minimize government interference should a minor inherit

Potentially provide a level of creditor protection

Provide for a dependant with special needs

Govern inheritances

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Role of a Trustee

Establish an investment strategy for the trust's assets

Maintain the administration and record keeping of the trust's assets

Pay trust expenses

Make distributions to beneficiaries according to the terms of the trust

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Considerations When Naming a Trustee

Experience in managing financial affairs

Fair and unbiased

Willing to devote time and energy

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Revocable Living Trust

Created while you're alive

Can be changed or revoked at any time

Becomes irrevocable at your death

Determines who gets what when you die

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Revocable Living Trust Benefits

Trustee may easily step in to manage property during incapacity

Avoids probate

Provides privacy

More difficult to challenge than a will

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Testamentary Trust

Created using your will

Becomes effective at your death

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Spousal Trust

Surviving spouse receives income from trust assets

- Principal distributions may be allowed

When surviving spouse dies, trust assets pass to beneficiaries

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Life Insurance

Replaces your income for dependents

Offsets expenses

Provides immediate source of funds for beneficiaries

Generally tax free to your designated beneficiaries

Provides liquidity to support a successful transfer of a business interest according to the wishes of the deceased

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Title Insurance Review

Preserve

Transfer

Equalize

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Questions & Answers

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