



Witnessing a Will

Safely and legally having your Will witnessed during COVID-19 restrictions



	Victoria	ACT	South Australia	Western Australia	New South Wales	Northern Territory	Tasmania	Queensland
<p>Can my witness be a beneficiary of the Will?</p> <p>A beneficiary is a person who is named in the Will as a recipient/benefactor.</p>								
<p>Can I sign my Will without a witness?</p>	Signing a Will without witnesses makes the Will technically invalid, which should be avoided. You should only do this if there are no other options.							
<p>Are guests allowed in my home to act as a witness for my Will?</p>	 The rules do not allow for any guests in people's homes, however, as anyone can witness your Will in Victoria, if you have two adults in your household they can witness your Will.	 In the ACT, social distancing rules allow for a household to have two guests at any given time, so you can invite appropriate witnesses into your home whilst observing good social distancing practices.	 In South Australia there is a generous ten-person gathering limit so safely finding two witnesses should be possible.	 As anyone can witness your Will in WA, if you've got two adults in your household they can act as witnesses. Furthermore, in WA there is a generous ten-person gathering limit.	 The rules do not allow for any guests in people's homes – and you can't have any beneficiaries sign the Will. If you have two adult housemates who are not beneficiaries, they can sign your Will.	 In the Northern Territory there is a generous ten-person gathering limit so safely finding two witnesses should be possible.	 The rules do not allow for any guests in people's homes unless they are providing compassionate care or dropping off essential supplies. If you have two adult housemates who are not beneficiaries, they can sign your Will.	 In Queensland, social distancing rules allow for a household to have two guests at any given time, so you can invite a witness into your home.