

Remember Refuge in your will

Help build a future free from violence and fear



Why leave a gift to Refuge?

Gifts in wills fund our vital services for women and children experiencing domestic violence. These services **save lives** and **change lives**.

By leaving a gift to Refuge, you will help to keep countless women and children safe. You will help victims of abuse to rebuild their lives following traumatic experiences.



Your gift will help to build a future in which women and children can live in safety, free from violence and fear.

What type of legacies can I include in my will?

There are several ways in which you can leave a legacy gift to Refuge:

1. **Donate all or a specific portion of the remainder of your estate once all other bequests have been made and debts have been cleared.**

Example: I give 20% of the residue of my estate to Refuge (registered charity no. 277424; International House, St. Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UN) to be applied by Refuge for its charitable purposes.

2. **Leave a fixed sum of money. However, it is worth remembering that the value of these gifts decrease over time as the cost of living rises.**

Example: I give £5,000 to Refuge (registered charity no. 277424; International House, St. Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UN) to be applied by Refuge for its charitable purposes.

3. **Donate a named item in your will. It is important to describe the item as accurately as possible to avoid any confusion.**

Example: I leave my diamond engagement ring to Refuge (registered charity no. 277424; International House, St. Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UN) to be applied by Refuge for its charitable purposes.

4. **Leave a gift dependent upon the occurrence of an event which may or may not happen, such as in the event of other named beneficiaries dying before you.**

Example: In the event that my daughter and beneficiary, Alison Laura Atkinson, should die before me, I leave all of my jewellery to Refuge (registered charity no. 277424; International House, St. Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UN) to be applied by Refuge for its charitable purposes.

What to consider when writing your will

Everyone should keep an up to date will. Here are some important points to remember when making a will:

- ❖ **Work out your assets.** Making a list of your assets and liabilities will give you a good idea of the value of your estate.
- ❖ **Consult a professional.** This will help to ensure that you follow all legal formalities and create a valid will. You can find a solicitor in your area through the Law Society at www.lawsociety.org.uk or by calling 020 7242 1222.
- ❖ **Decide who will be included in your will.** Make a list of people, charities and organisations you would like to remember.
- ❖ **Consider your executors** – these are the people named in your will who will carry out your wishes.
- ❖ **Keep your will up to date.** Review your will whenever there are major changes in your personal, financial and family circumstances.
- ❖ **Keep it safe.** Leave your original, signed will with your solicitor or legal adviser – this is the only legally binding version. Keep a copy yourself, and make sure your executors know where to find it.

Things to remember!

1. **Include our full name in your will assets.** Specify that you are leaving a gift to **Refuge**, registered charity no. 277424.
2. **Let us know.** By telling us about your gift, you will help us to plan for our future. It also means that we can thank you and keep you updated on our work with women and children. Please contact the Fundraising team on the details below.
3. **Make the most of your gift.** A residuary gift (i.e. a % of your estate) will help make the biggest difference, because it will keep up with inflation and retain its value better than a fixed sum of money.

We're here to help

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Fundraising Team. All information will be held confidentially:

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Thank you for your support. Together, we can build a **future free from violence and fear.**