

NEWS RELEASE

October 3 – 9 is Make a Will Week

VANCOUVER, October 1, 2021 – October 3 – 9 is Make a Will Week this year in British Columbia. This week has been designated by the provincial government as a time to create awareness on the importance of individuals creating or updating their wills.

Making a will ensures that you are able to leave your estate to the people, causes and organizations that you wish to support.

If an individual passes away without a will, the Wills, Estates and Succession Act establishes who will have a right to administer your estate. Where there is no next of kin willing and able to administer the will, the Public Guardian and Trustee can [administer the estate](#).

Making a will does not need to be complicated or expensive. There are different methods you can use to make your will but you may still want to get professional advice when preparing your will to ensure that your wishes are clearly and properly indicated.

For a list of useful resources on will making, visit [Make a Will Week](#).

About the Public Guardian and Trustee

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the *Public Guardian and Trustee Act* with a unique statutory role to protect the interests of British Columbians who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests. The mandate of the PGT is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children under the age of 19 years;
- Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making; and
- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.

For more information about the PGT, visit www.trustee.bc.ca.

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