

## FIVE REASONS TO DIE WITHOUT A WILL

There must be powerful reasons to avoid a will because so many people die without one. It is estimated that 7 out of 10 of us will depart without a valid will. Perhaps you have avoided establishing a will because of one or more of these five reasons:

1. The state can do a better job deciding how to disperse my assets than I can.
2. The state can choose a better personal representative to handle my estate during probate than I can.
3. The state can choose a better guardian for my minor children than I can.
4. The government will use my estate tax dollars better than my favorite non-profit organizations would use a charitable bequest.
5. My grieving loved ones will be better off looking after my affairs without my will.

Powerful reasons? Hardly! Nonetheless, people often affirm these reasons year after year as they continue to put off the minor inconvenience of doing a will.

Isn't it interesting that people spend a lifetime amassing their estate and spend so little time determining how it will be dispersed when their lives are completed?

The Community Foundation for Carver County urges you to take action now. Your family will appreciate it. The charities you support will appreciate it. And you will appreciate the peace of mind you get from fulfilling this, one of your most important stewardship responsibilities.

Like many people, you may be uncertain about going to an attorney. It's important to find an attorney that you feel comfortable with who does estate planning work. Ask your friends if they are happy with their attorney. Are there attorneys who live in your neighborhood, belong to your place of worship, or are members of social organizations to which you belong? Make appointments to visit with several attorneys before choosing one.

To assist you with this important estate-planning process, the Foundation is offering a free *Guide to Making a Will*. For your free no-obligation copy please call 952-250-5138 or e-mail [info@carvercountyfoundation.org](mailto:info@carvercountyfoundation.org).

I look forward to hearing from you

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