

*Must my wife be adequately provided for in my Will?*

Generally speaking your wife must receive adequate financial support, by the terms of your Will. In most provinces the wife may apply to the Court for a greater share of your estate if the benefits provided for her under your Will are not adequate. The Court will make such order as it thinks fit and proper in the circumstances.

*Do I have to treat all my children alike?*

No, you may apportion your estate among your children as you desire but there is a statute, in most provinces, under which the Court may order that such provision as it thinks adequate, just and equitable be made out of the estate for any child considered by the Court to have received an inadequate provision.

*Must the witnesses know the contents of the Will?*

No, they are simply required to sign in the prescribed manner as witnesses to your signature but they should know that the document is signed by you as your Will.

*Does my Will in any way become public?*

No one but yourself and your legal advisor need know anything of its contents until after your death.

*May I change or revoke my Will at any time?*

Certainly. It may be varied or revoked at any time. A new Will should contain a revocation of all former testamentary dispositions made by you.

*Do I lose control of any of my assets after I make my Will?*

No. The provisions of your Will do not become effective until after your death. Your Will deals with your estate as it exists at the time of your death.

*Where should my completed Will be kept?*

In safe keeping with a bank, trust company or lawyer where it would be readily available in the event of your death. (See *Guidance Paper No. 505 "Record of personal documents"*.) Use of a safety deposit box is not recommended as its contents might be frozen at death. It is a wise precaution to retain a copy of your Will among your own papers, with a notation as to where the original is lodged.

*Can the marital laws of the Province of Quebec affect my Estate?*

Yes, if at the time of marriage the husband was domiciled in the Province of Quebec.