



A GUIDE TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

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Making or amending your Will can, at first, seem a little daunting. But with the right information, and support from a solicitor, the process can be surprisingly straightforward.

Leaving a gift in your Will helps ensure that the Scoliosis Association UK can go on to provide support and information to people affected by scoliosis and their families. We do this so that we can be there for people with scoliosis and those close to them, help to reduce feelings of isolation, poor body image, inadequate care, needless pain, worry, fear, and lack of information. It is our aim to raise awareness of scoliosis among health professionals and the general public, and thanks to your gift we will be able to continue doing this and create a community in which scoliosis is understood and respected.

Ways we achieve this are through:

- Providing a Helpline where people can call or email the friendly SAUK team for advice or support, or just someone to talk to
- Providing good quality, up-to-date information on scoliosis and related health matters
- Running a membership network that allows people with scoliosis to get in touch with others and offers the support of a SAUK Regional Representative
- Organising campaigns and activities to help increase awareness of scoliosis in the general public and among health professionals
- Holding patient meetings at which specialists provide advice on scoliosis and people have the chance to get their questions answered



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Should I use a solicitor?

We would strongly advise you to do so. A solicitor's expertise will give you the peace of mind of knowing that your wishes will be respected, are legally correct, and that your estate will go to the people and causes you hold dear.

I want to take care of my loved ones first.

Can I still leave a gift?

Of course. Even a small gift after loved ones are provided for helps fund the work we do.

Will I pay tax on my gift?

No. Gifts to charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. They can even reduce the amount of tax your estate has to pay. Please visit the HM Revenue and Customs website for details.

How much should I give to make a difference?

Some gifts we receive are large. Many are not. But together they account for approximately 15% of our income, which makes a huge difference!

What type of gift can I leave?

There are two types of gifts you can leave to a charity. Many supporters prefer to leave a residuary gift, or percentage of their estate. This type of gift gives people the reassurance of knowing their gift will

be protected against inflation. You could also choose to leave a pecuniary gift, which is a fixed sum of money.

What is an Executor?

An Executor is the person you choose to make sure your wishes, as laid out in your Will, are adhered to. This can be a family member, friend, or trusted professional.

I already have a Will, how do I add a codicil to leave a gift to the Scoliosis Association UK?

We recommend you talk to your solicitor before adding a codicil. If you do, it's a good idea to keep it in a safe place with your existing Will.

Isn't making a Will very expensive?

Drawing up a simple Will should cost between £150 and £300. More complicated situations or requirements generally increase the cost. The peace of mind it can give you, however, can be priceless, because doing so will ensure your estate isn't stuck in probate for months after you die.

WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

If you are seeing a solicitor, you can use the following wording and give it to them to ensure your wishes are carried out.

To leave a share of your estate

'I give my Residuary Estate [residuary estate will need to have been defined elsewhere in the Will and is a gift made after deductions of debts, taxes and expenses, which usually fall on residue] to the Scoliosis Association UK of Ground Floor, 329 Latimer Road, London, W10 6RA, Registered Charity Number 1181463.'

To leave a cash gift

'I give the sum of [£ in words and numbers] absolutely to the Scoliosis Association UK of Ground Floor, 329 Latimer Road, London, W10 6RA, Registered Charity Number 1181463 and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised officer of any charity benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees who shall not be concerned as to the application of any gifts or payment.'



YOUR GIFT CAN ENSURE THAT NO ONE HAS TO FACE SCOLIOSIS ALONE

A gift in your Will can mean that people are diagnosed sooner thanks to greater awareness, which can lead to better outcomes. It can mean that those with scoliosis and their loved ones have a trusted source of information to prepare them for what lies ahead. It can mean that anyone in search of support or advice will have someone to talk to who is there to help and listen to them.

It can mean that people with scoliosis and their loved ones can connect with a community of people with similar experiences, helping each other through the tough times and celebrating their achievements. It can mean giving people access to the expertise of world-renowned spinal specialists by hearing them speak at events or reading their articles.

A gift left in your Will can help us maintain, expand, and develop our range of support services. Nobody should have to face the pressures of scoliosis without support. Leaving a gift in your Will can ensure that nobody has to.

