

Single adults

Single person can also devolve their property. The tricky part for them is the feeling of entitlement to the property of single persons by their families and relatives. The perception among most African cultures is that property devolution need to remain within the confines of the family fabric.

Indeed, where a single person dies without a will, the property shall still devolve as provided under the probate law. Sometimes, this may not reflect your wishes as a single person. To avoid this, a will is the best way to go.

A single person should consider estate planning for the following reasons:

- They can become incapacitated too
- In the unfortunate event of their death, a friend can claim to have been a spouse and end up starting litigation to claim from the estate against the wishes of the single person
To plan for the future and possible eventualities
- To take steps to protect assets
- Sometimes they may be far from home and in the event of incapacitation, they may not have anyone close to take care of them

Selecting guardians for your children

Minors will still need protection and care in the event of the incapacitation or death of their parents.

In estate planning, an opportunity avails itself for the will maker to choose a guardian for their children

A few things must be considered to make sure that children are safe even after we are gone. These will include:

- Considering age and health of those you choose as guardians. Most will go for child's grandparents. This may sound as a good idea but they may be too old and frail to be a good companion to the children.
- Consider the values you wish to leave your children with.
- Consider relatives before friends. Friends need to be properly vetted. Relatives may always understand family and cultural values and easily blend with the children
- Compare lifestyles of your children against those of the intended guardian
- Consider the finances and availability of the guardian

- Make it known to the chosen guardians before making it final after their approval