

# Help to keep children in Thailand safe from harm

A guide to leaving a legacy to Safe Child Thailand - making a difference for generations to come

# Why should I make a Will?

A Will makes sure your dependants are provided for in the way you choose after you're gone.

If you pass away without a will, a court will appoint administrators to deal with the distribution of everything you own. They won't take your personal wishes and priorities into account, and will divide your estate according to strict rules that you will have no control over.

Verbal agreements made during your lifetime will have no legal effect.

## Making a Will helps your loved ones

It takes much longer to sort out the affairs of someone who has passed away without a Will and potentially could cause expensive legal disputes and delays. During this time, your loved ones won't be able to access the money you intended them to have. Making a Will lets you choose where your money goes.

Where the value of the things you own are more than adequate for your dependants, a Will enables you to leave money or property to other causes you are passionate about, such as keeping children safe in Thailand. This can't be done without a Will, by leaving a gift your kindness and care for children will live on.

## It is always best to have your Will drawn up by a solicitor

A Will is a legal document, and trying to write it on your own isn't wise. You need to make sure it is valid and accurate. One mistake can cause the whole document to be invalid.

It doesn't have to be expensive. The cost of a straightforward Will is probably less than you think - often less than £200, though it is worth getting quotes from several solicitors. It will be money well spent on ensuring your wishes are followed and your loved ones are protected from distressing delays and confusion.

You must choose executors - usually two people you would like to administer your estate. One could be your solicitor or bank manager, who will normally require payment for this service. The other could be a relative or friend, preferably one who is younger than you. It's important to ask for their consent before naming them.

For the Will to be legal, it must be signed by you in the presence of two witnesses, who must also sign it. They must not be beneficiaries or related to beneficiaries.

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# How will leaving a gift in my Will help vulnerable children in Thailand?

With your support, we can build a Thailand where all children are listened to and protected from harm.

Safe Child Thailand was founded to meet the needs of orphaned children in Thailand. We provided much needed funds to local residential care, ensuring the children were provided with food, shelter and love.

Today, we continue to help thousands of vulnerable children each year including migrants and children with disabilities, providing them with access to life-saving services and equal opportunities. Together, we've already changed the lives of thousands of children in Thailand. A gift in your Will ensures even more children can receive the support they so desperately need.

We work across Thailand to ensure children's rights are protected, that they live free from discrimination, violence and harm. Every child has a right to an inclusive education, social services and a loving home.

Your gift can help reduce the risks facing vulnerable children in Thailand and increase children's access to basic services.

Every day, children face the difficult task of trying to find necessities such as food and shelter. Your gift can ensure that these children are given access to healthcare, safe shelter, education and access to protection services.

We work with children, partners and government to create sustainable solutions that will see a future where all children can grow safely and thrive.





# How do I know what to leave?

Draw up a list of people you wish to benefit. Consider leaving Safe Child Thailand a share of the assets that are left over once all your major gifts have been made. There are three main types:



A cash gift (also known as a pecuniary gift): this is a gift of a specific sum of money to Safe Child Thailand.



A specific gift: this is when you make a gift of a specific item, such as property or jewellery.



A residuary gift: this is a gift of all or part of what is left of your estate after taxes and debts are paid and all your other legacies have been distributed – known as the ‘residue’. Your Will must include instructions for the distribution of your estate’s residue, otherwise the government will distribute it.

## Which type of gift is best for Safe Child Thailand?

We are always delighted to receive any gift. Gifts provide a much-needed boost to our resources.

However, a residuary gift is by far the most effective way of remembering us in your Will: it ensures that your family and dependants are provided for in exactly the way you want, and also ensures we receive much-needed funds that will help us plan our work with confidence.

Importantly, the value of a residuary gift tends to adjust in line with inflation, so it means we always receive the support you intended.

# How your gift can help

By leaving Safe Child Thailand a legacy, you will be making sure children at risk are safe and cared for, have access to adequate food and shelter, go to school and can live without fear of exploitation or abuse.

We will make sure your gift helps our outstanding partners in Thailand develop and implement projects that protect and care for children; working tirelessly for a Thailand where all children enjoy equal opportunities and reach their full potential.

Children will remember and thank you, long after you are gone.

We appreciate that leaving a gift in your Will is very personal and it's entirely up to you.

We understand the content of your Will is a very private matter.

However, if you could let us know if you decide to leave us a gift, we'd be very grateful. It will allow us to communicate with you in the best way and the more people who share this information with us, the more sense we have of our income over the decades ahead.

On behalf of the children you will help, thank you for your foresight and kindness.

# Why would I need to update my Will?

Keeping your Will up to date is as important as making it. Your wishes, your circumstances and your family can change over the years.

## How do I change my Will?

Never physically write on your Will, as this will invalidate it. Major changes may call for a new Will, which is usually easier to arrange the second time round.

Minor additions can be made using a codicil to an existing Will. If in doubt, contact your solicitor. A codicil is a separate document, which must be signed and witnessed as with the Will, although the witnesses need not be the same people.

It must be kept with the will but not attached to it.

To leave a residuary gift and ensure Safe Child Thailand receives a share of whatever is left of your estate after you've provided for your loved ones, include a codicil like this one:

"I give X% of the residue of my estate to Safe Child Thailand (Registered Charity No. 1085407), 72 Venn Street London SW4 0AT for its general charitable purposes and direct that the receipt of the Finance Manager or of any other appropriate officer for the time being of Safe Child Thailand shall be a good discharge to my Executors."

## Finding a solicitor

We recommend you consult with a solicitor when writing your Will. If you are in the UK just visit the Law Society website for a list of legal professionals in your area.

[www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)




# Our promise to you



Leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal decision, we promise to:

- Ensure the legacy we receive will be used according to your wishes
- Be respectful to everyone our charity encounters. We promise to respect your decisions and will never put pressure on you to leave a legacy gift. We understand this is a deeply personal decision that needs to be made in your own time
- Respect your right to privacy. We comply with the law including governing data protections. We will always ensure that your privacy is respected, and your details are never shared
- Be accountable for our work and honest about our programming, especially the work you are supporting. We always strive to be open and honest about all aspects of our work

We welcome all inquiries into the charity and the work we are doing to help vulnerable children in Thailand. If you ever have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact us and speak to a member of our team.



# Contact us

Still have questions about how to leave a gift in your Will?

For more details or to discuss any aspect of leaving a gift to Safe Child Thailand in your Will, call us on 0207 602 6203 or email [contact@safekildthailand.org](mailto:contact@safekildthailand.org)



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