

LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION

Legacy information pack

Your gift will make the future safer for children



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How we keep children safe today - and tomorrow

For over 30 years the Lucy Faithfull Foundation has been at the forefront of tackling and preventing child sexual abuse. We firmly believe that child sexual abuse is preventable, not inevitable.

Our work is unique. We protect children by working with people who pose a risk to them, by diverting them from causing harm. We also support individuals and families who have been affected by abuse. And we help professionals who work with families to create safer environments for children.

Leveraging our expertise and data-driven insights, we develop innovative strategies to intervene and stop abuse. We engage with policy and decision makers to advocate for a public health approach to preventing child sexual abuse and we share our understanding of what keeps children safe to the widest possible audience.

Our Stop It Now helpline is the largest confidential helpline of its kind in the world for anyone with concerns about child sexual abuse, including those concerned about their own thoughts or behaviour to get help before they harm a child.

Every day, our expert staff support families and individuals in a range of situations, many of whom are facing crisis.

We are steadfast in our mission to prevent child sexual abuse before it happens.

Leaving a gift in your Will

By leaving a gift (sometimes called a legacy) in your Will (the document) you'll help prevent child sexual abuse, protect families, and create a world where every child can grow up safe from harm. A gift in your Will costs nothing now, but it will make a real and lasting difference in the fight to prevent child sexual abuse. It can be given freely for the charity to use where it's needed most, or directed toward a specific project or purpose that matters to you.



A gift in your Will can:

- > help keep our Stop It Now helpline and Shore services running, providing free, confidential advice to thousands each year.
- > create safer environments for children by equipping professionals, schools and tech companies with the tools and knowledge to protect them.
- > drive research, campaigns and early interventions that identify risks and prevent abuse before it happens.

Why your gift matters

Every year, more than 16,000 people receive vital child protection advice and support from our team. Your gift will help us reach even more people, influence attitudes, and build a world where every child grows up free from harm.

Types of gift you can leave in your Will

A share of your estate (residuary gift): This is a percentage of everything you own, minus any debts. This is a good thing to think about if you know you want to make a commitment, but don't necessarily know what your future finances might look like. It is also likely to be the most effective way of maximising inheritance tax relief on your estate (we recommend discussing this further with a legal professional if you would like to know more).



A cash gift (pecuniary gift): This is when you leave a set sum of money.

A specific gift: This is when you leave a gift that is not money, for example, a house or a car.

A postponed gift (reversionary gift): This is when you leave a gift to someone for a period of time and then the gift goes to another beneficiary, such as a charity. For example, you may wish for someone to live in your house for their lifetime, but then for it to go to a charity when they pass away.

Five simple steps to help you prepare for writing your Will

1. Make a list of your assets

Your assets include things such as property, shares, savings and other items of value you own. The sum of these assets is your 'estate'.

2. Make a list of what you owe

Always try to write down what you owe or are owed. Considering an outstanding mortgage, loans, or bills, will give you a much better idea of the value of your estate.

3. Decide who you would like to benefit and how

Make a list of the people and organisations – such as the charities you support – that you wish to remember in your Will, and consider how you would like to divide your estate between them.

4. Choose your executors and meet your solicitor

An executor is the person you choose to carry out the terms of your Will, to ensure your wishes are fulfilled correctly. Most people choose their solicitor or trusted family members as executors.

5. Keep it safe and up-to-date

Your Will is a very important document. Most people prefer to leave it in the care of their solicitor or legal advisor and keep their own copy in a safe place, ensuring their executors know where to find it.

If you are updating an existing Will, you can choose to either make a completely new Will or add a 'codicil' which would set out the changes to your existing Will and be read alongside it. In both cases, we recommend you speak to your solicitor.

Suggested wording

If you would like to leave a gift to the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, we would recommend that you make or change your Will with the help of a solicitor or legal professional. When you leave a gift, you will need to decide the type of gift you would like to give.

To make everything as straightforward as possible, we have provided some suggested wording to use for the two main types of legacy gifts.

Residuary gift (a percentage of your estate)

"I leave percent of the residue of my real and personal estate to The Lucy Faithfull Foundation of Birch House, Harris Business Park, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, B60 4DJ (Registered Charity Number in England and Wales 1013025 and Registered Charity Number in Scotland SC039888) (the "Legatee")."

Pecuniary gift (a set sum)

"I give pounds (£) to The Lucy Faithfull Foundation of Birch House, Harris Business Park, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, B60 4DJ (Registered Charity Number in England and Wales 1013025 and Registered Charity Number in Scotland SC039888) (the "Legatee")."

In either case, whether you wish to make a residuary or pecuniary gift it may also be worth including wording along the lines of the following to make it clear whether you have any specific wishes in terms of how the gift should be used and to confirm (for the benefit of the personal representatives named in your Will) to whom (within the charity) the gift should be given:

"I request the Legatee but without imposing any binding trust or legal obligation to use the legacy for [...] OR [its general charitable purposes]."

The receipt of the treasurer or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Legatee shall be a good discharge to my Executors."



Free Will writing service

We have partnered with [Kwil](#) to offer our supporters the opportunity to write or update a simple Will for free in as little as 30 minutes. This service is suitable if you feel confident about what you wish to include in your Will and do not require legal advice.

You can also speak to someone at Kwil by calling 0800 061 4934, they will be happy to talk you through the process.

For detailed advice on structuring your Will efficiently (to ensure you take full advantage of the potential tax relief referred to above, for example) you may of course prefer to consult your own solicitor.

* You are welcome to use our free Will service and not leave a gift to us. Providing for your family, friends, and loved ones should always come first. But if you do choose to remember us, thank you.

Your gift will help us continue our work to prevent child sexual abuse.

Frequently asked questions

Can I write my own Will?

For a Will to be valid, it must satisfy a number of specific legal requirements, in terms of the way that it is prepared and signed. To prevent any errors, we therefore recommend that you only write a Will through a qualified solicitor or a member of the Institute of Professional Will writers.

How can I find a solicitor near me to make a Will?

You can visit the [Law Society website](#) for a list of legal professionals in your area.

Can I choose which project to leave my gift to within the Lucy Faithfull Foundation?

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift to a specific area of our work, then please get in contact with our fundraising team on 01372 847160, or email supporters@lucyfaithfull.org.uk.

Should I tell the Lucy Faithfull Foundation if I include them in my Will?

We really value being able to thank our supporters who have chosen to leave a legacy, but it's entirely up to you whether or not you share your intentions with us. We understand this is a personal and sensitive matter, and that people's circumstances and priorities can change over time.

What happens if I change my mind?

You are free to change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will to us at any time, and we completely understand that this is a personal decision. If you have told us that you are intending to leave us a gift, it would be helpful to let us know if that changes.

Thank you for thinking of leaving a gift in your Will to help us prevent more children and young people from being harmed.

This information pack is not intended as legal advice from the Lucy Faithfull Foundation. We recommend you seek independent professional advice when preparing your Will.

If you have any questions, please call us on 01372 847160, or email supporters@lucyfaithfull.org.uk.

Our Supporter commitment



We make every donation count.

We take our responsibility to the public seriously. All assets and donations are managed with care, honesty and transparency. We ensure that supporters understand our work and exactly how their money makes a difference. All fundraising is carried out by our in-house team, never external agencies.



We celebrate your impact.

We deeply value every donor and supporter. Strong financial controls ensure funds are used how and when they were intended for, or where they are needed most. With your permission, we proudly share your efforts and celebrate your contribution to our mission.



We respect your contact preferences.

We only contact those who have opted in. There is no pressure, no intrusion, just meaningful communication with your consent. We are registered with the Fundraising Preference Service and have never received a complaint.



We keep your data safe.

Your data is secure, private and never shared. We strictly follow GDPR and the Data Protection Act, with robust systems to keep your information safe.



We uphold the highest fundraising standards.

Our fundraising is ethical, respectful and fully compliant. We are proud members of the Fundraising Regulator and follow sector guidance and codes of practice in all that we do.



We're here to listen.

We offer a warm, personal approach to every supporter. We are especially careful and compassionate when engaging with vulnerable people and anyone affected by child sexual abuse. Our opt-in approach ensures communication is always appropriate and respectful.

How to donate

By cheque

Send to: The Lucy Faithfull Foundation
2 Birch House, Harris Business Park,
Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior,
Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4DJ

Make cheques payable to:
The Lucy Faithfull Foundation

Bank transfer

Bank: HSBC
Sort Code: 40-38-07
Account No: 62056453



Online

Donate securely via:

lucyfaithfull.org.uk/support-us/give-money

Stay connected

Keep up to date with our latest news, stories, and supporter updates:

Sign up for our newsletter:

lucyfaithfull.org.uk/signup

See how your support is making a difference and stay informed about events, campaigns, and opportunities to get involved.

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Read our latest news and join our community to help us raise awareness about child sexual abuse prevention.



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