

# Will you or won't you?

**Klerksdorp Midweek, Klerksdorp** - This week (September 13-17) is National Wills Week; it's time to get your affairs in order.

The topic of wills is often avoided because, let's be honest, it's not always pleasant to think about what would happen if you were to pass away. Making proactive plans to protect your loved ones and ensure that your legacy is left as you intended it, needn't be a doom and gloom topic. It's the responsible thing to do and we should be discussing it more openly and more often.

Your will is probably the most important document you'll ever sign and the consequences of passing away without a valid will in place can be dire. Without a Will in place, everything you leave behind is distributed according to intestate succession law - which is usually not in line with your plan for the inheritance that you'll one day leave behind for your loved ones.

If you have any assets in the form of money, jewellery, property, in-

vestments etc., or if you have children who are minors, you need to have a valid Will in place.

Every year the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) promotes National Wills Week, where they encourage law firms to offer free Will drafting in an effort to raise awareness around the importance of Wills. There is an inconceivable statistic that more than 75% of South Africans pass away without a valid Will in place.

"When you consider the impact on your family, your Estate and your legacy when you pass away without a Will in place, you'd think this would be a top priority - and yet we still see only 1 in 4 South Africans passing away with a valid Will in place," says Brandon Garbutt, MD of Capital Legacy.

"This year has shown that it's particularly important that we place emphasis on ensuring that we leave a lasting legacy for our children and future generations. In the face of adversity, and as the death toll related

to Covid continues to rise, we are reminded that life can be unexpected. We need to prepare accordingly," notes Alex Simeonides, CEO of Capital Legacy.

## **Is your Will in order?**

It's time to get our communities talking about the subject of Wills and encouraging those in our circles to take action. Getting your Last Will and Testament drafted shouldn't be a daunting task. This week you can get it done at no cost through participating law firms. At Capital Legacy, we offer Will consultations at no cost, year-round and we've made September 'Wills Month' to place extra emphasis on this important topic.

National Wills Week is the ideal time to get your affairs in order. Don't read this and put it off for another day. Take an hour of your time and get this important task done and dusted; you'll have such peace of mind.

For more information visit: [www.capitallegacy.co.za/willsmoonth](http://www.capitallegacy.co.za/willsmoonth).