



DYING WITHOUT A WILL

Mr & Mrs Bloggs had been married for eight years and had Billy and Bella – their 3 year old twins.

A selfish man, Mr Bloggs was not a nice character – he'd been having affairs for years and life in the family home had been very difficult. Eventually, Mrs Bloggs plucks up the courage to leave him and goes back to her Mom and Dad. They love the kids in any case and are pleased to be able to help and give them some stability. They hate Mr Bloggs with a passion – and it's mutual!

Finally, Mrs Bloggs divorces her husband (he hasn't seen the kids in years) but, tragically, just a few months later, she is killed in a road accident. Her Mom and Dad were devastated but adamant – they would continue to look after Billy and Bella just as she would have wanted them to.

Now, Mrs Bloggs had always meant to make a will, but never quite got around to it (she had enough going on in her life, didn't she?)

Under the rules of intestacy, of course, the Grandparents have no rights whatsoever and the full parental responsibility for the twins returns to their fickle Father – Mr Bloggs! As her immediate relatives, Billy & Bella inherit their mother's money but, as minors, this is put in trust for them – guess who is the Trustee? That's right – Mr Bloggs – he has full parental responsibility and, therefore, is entitled to make an application for grant and become an Executor and Trustee! He, in turn, can appoint a second Trustee who could be – well – anyone!!!

Mrs Bloggs would not have wanted this turn of events – she would have wanted her family (that is, Billy and Bella's family) to retain strong links with the children but Mr Bloggs could now make sure that this didn't happen!

Make a Will – make your wishes known!!

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