

# Gifts in Wills Guide



## Establishing your legacy through a gift to Suicide Prevention Australia

### How leaving a gift to Suicide Prevention Australia will further the mission of suicide prevention:



Influencing policy and advocating for government funding



Promoting quality improvement to build sector capability



Allocating government funds for research



Identifying and responding to gaps in knowledge, policy and practice

*Leaving a gift in your will, whether big or small, is an act of generosity that will have a lasting impact.*

### Process for making a gift in your will

#### 1. In a new will

Leaving a gift in your will is a fairly simple and easy process. However, we recommend that you consult a solicitor with experience in wills and estate planning to ensure your will is properly drafted and reflects your intentions.

#### 2. In an existing will

If you already have a will, all you need to do to leave a gift to Suicide Prevention Australia is to add a codicil. A codicil is a short legal amendment to your will. Please check with your solicitor to see if a codicil is appropriate for the changes you wish to make. Otherwise, you may need to prepare a new will altogether.

It is recommended that you review your will every 3 to 5 years or when a major life event occurs (eg. buying a property, having a child, when a family member passes etc) and make any changes as necessary.

#### 3. Wording

If you decide to leave a gift to Suicide Prevention Australia, you could leave a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, or a residuary gift. As it is important for your will to be correctly worded, we suggest the following text. However, we recommend you consult a solicitor to ensure that the wording is in keeping with your wishes.

*"I give to SUICIDE PREVENTION AUSTRALIA LIMITED ABN 64 461 352 676, of Suite 1, Level 3 189 Kent St, Sydney in the state of New South Wales [choose and insert the appropriate statement from the following]:*

- 1. the sum of \$[enter sum]; OR*
- 2. [enter proportion] of my estate; OR*
- 3. the whole of my estate; OR*
- 4. [insert proportion] of the residue of my estate; OR*
- 5. the residue of my estate,*  
*for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Company Secretary or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."*

## Information for Solicitors and Executors

Suicide Prevention Australia Limited ABN 64461352676 holds Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status (Item 1) and is fully tax exempt. As a result, the direct transfer to Suicide Prevention Australia of capital gains tax assets (eg. shares or real estate) will significantly reduce the estate's capital gains tax liability compared to executors selling such assets and distributing the sales proceeds.

## Contact us

If you have any questions regarding wording for a will that fits your needs, please email [admin@suicidepreventionaust.org](mailto:admin@suicidepreventionaust.org) or contact us on phone (02) 9262 1130.

We are always available to help where we can. We would also like to hear your story if you are willing to share it, as well as personally thank you for your generosity.

## Thank you

*“Leaving a gift in a will is an act of generosity that will be valued for many years and will be used to enable our vision of a world without suicide. Your gift will be appreciated not only by Suicide Prevention Australia but also by individuals and communities impacted by suicide across Australia.”*

Nieves Murray  
CEO, Suicide Prevention Australia