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REASONS AS TO WHY PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR NAMES

AND THE FORGOTTEN DOCUMENTS THAT NEED UPDATING



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The forgotten documents...

You may already know to update your bank accounts, driving licence, passport, and other everyday records after changing your name. But one area people often overlook is their legal documents like Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs), and estate plans.

These documents rely on accurate identification to carry out your wishes properly. If the name doesn't match your current legal identity, it can lead to confusion, delay, and unnecessary stress, especially during sensitive times.

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Marriage

Did you know that marriage revokes a previous Will? If you get married, it's important to remember to remake both of your Wills to ensure they are valid.

You will also need to update your LPA's with your new name or create new ones updating your spouse on this.

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Divorce

If your ex-spouse is listed on your Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), whether as your appointed attorney or as a replacement, it's essential to review and possibly revoke or amend that document following divorce. Divorce does not automatically invalidate an LPA.

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Gender Reassignment

Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) rely on precise identification. If your Will or LPA uses an old name or title, it could raise confusion over your identity or even cause delays and challenges when it matters most. By updating these documents, you reinforce your autonomy and protect your future.

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YOUR CHOICE

Preference

It is just as important to update your legal documents accordingly. Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) are tied directly to your legal identity. If those documents still reflect a former name, it can create confusion, raise questions about your identity, and in some cases, cause delays when the documents are needed most.

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Widowed

After losing a spouse or loved one, some individuals choose to change their name, whether by reverting to a previous surname, removing a shared name, or adopting a new one entirely.

If your documents still reflect your former name, it could cause delays, confusion, or even challenges to your identity when your wishes are being carried out.

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Other

Whatever the reason, it is just as crucial to ensure your legal documents reflect your new name accurately.

Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) depend on your legal identity being clearly stated to avoid confusion or delays. An outdated name in these documents could raise unnecessary questions or even prevent your wishes from being carried out smoothly.

Our expert team ensures your new name is reflected clearly and correctly, giving you confidence and peace of mind that your affairs are in order.

Getting Started...

It may seem complex and daunting, but our qualified consultants can take you from “daunted to sorted” in under an hour. Your consultation can take place at your home via video or phone call. You will be kept updated throughout your journey with us and we will be able to answer any questions or queries you may have along the way.



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