

Estate planning checklist for firearms owners

A practical, step-by-step guide to get your Will and Estate Plan underway with Griffiths Parry Lawyers.

Get organised

- ☐ List full legal names, addresses and contact details for you and your partner (if any).
- ☐ List children/dependants, including dates of birth and any special considerations.
- ☐ List key assets: home, investments, superannuation, personal valuables (**incl. firearms**).
- ☐ List liabilities: mortgages, loans, guarantees.
- ☐ Locate ID docs: driver's licence, passport, Medicare, Centrelink, Defence/veteran cards.

Decide your decision-makers

- ☐ Choose your Executor(s) (1–2 trusted adults). Confirm they are willing and able.
- ☐ Choose guardians for minor children. Speak with them about your wishes.
- ☐ Choose Attorneys/agents for Enduring Power of Attorney (financial/health).

Plan your gifts

- ☐ Decide who receives specific items (eg. heirlooms, tools, jewellery, firearms).
- ☐ Decide how the rest of your Estate (the 'residue') should be shared.
- ☐ Consider simple instructions for digital assets and online accounts.

Firearms-specific steps (Queensland)

- ☐ Make a full list of each firearm (make, model, serial, category).
- ☐ Nominate a Beneficiary for each firearm who holds—or will obtain—the correct licence.
- ☐ If no suitable Beneficiary, instruct sale by a licensed dealer and add proceeds to the Estate.
- ☐ Nominate a licensed person/dealer to take immediate 'safekeeping' after death (up to 6 months allowed).
- ☐ If a firearm is only of sentimental value, consider 'heirloom' (collector) licensing and making firearm inoperable.
- ☐ Keep copies of your firearms list with your important papers and tell your Executor where it is.
- ☐ Understand safe storage guidance for the transition period and notifying QPS Weapons Licensing on gplaw.com.au.

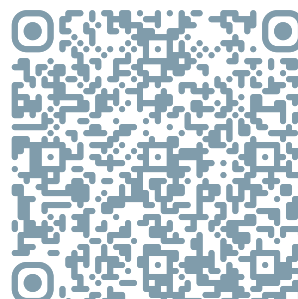
Health, super and other planning (Queensland)

- ☐ Discuss Advance Health Directives and your medical preferences.
- ☐ Check Beneficiary nominations on superannuation/life insurance (make binding if appropriate).
- ☐ Note any business interests/family trusts and who should be contacted.

Meet your lawyer

- ☐ Bring this checklist and your documents. Ask for a plain-English Will and Enduring Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Ask to include firearms instructions in your Will and Executor guidance notes.

NOTE: This checklist gives general guidance to help you get organised. should not be relied upon as a substitute for legal advice about your situation. Please speak with your lawyer for tailored guidance.



Need help?

The Wills & Estates team at Griffiths Parry Lawyers can help you get started.

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