

# 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](http://gplaw.com.au).

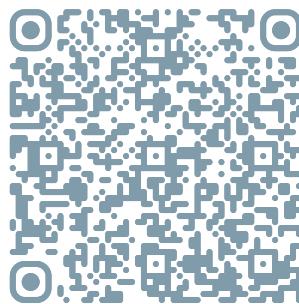
## Health, super and other planning (Queensland)

- 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. It 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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