



## Reliable and Low-Cost Legal Document Preparation Service

# Living Will



The mission of Legal HelpMate is to provide you with an easy-to-use, quick, and economical online method for creating the properly completed Living Will legal document from our site.

### What is a Living Will:

**A Living Will, also known as an "Advance Medical Directive,"** is a document that allows you to make decisions about your medical treatment should you become so ill that you are only being kept alive by life support systems, including artificially or technologically supplied nutrition and hydration.

**A Living Will usually applies when you are in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state of mind, or conscious but with irreversible brain damage.**

If you wish to direct medical treatment in other circumstances, you should prepare a Health Care Power of Attorney. Note that if you are in a terminal condition or a permanently unconscious state, your Living Will Declaration will be superseded by your Health Care Power of Attorney.

It's easy. Simply answer a few straightforward questions to produce the legal document (Living Will) prepared in accordance with the laws of your state. The purpose of each question is explained for your convenience by easy-to-understand tool-tips.

Within minutes, you will receive a completed, ready-to-print legal document (Living Will) together with simple instructions on the laws pertaining to that legal form.

### When does it apply?

- The Living Will is intended to anticipate the situation in which you have an incurable or an irreversible mental or physical condition with no reasonable expectation of recovery. Your instructions are usually intended to apply if you are in any of the following states:
  - (a) a terminal condition;
  - (b) permanent unconsciousness (persistent vegetative state) or
  - (c) conscious but with irreversible brain damage and inability to ever regain the capacity to make decisions and/or express your wishes.
- All documents are created by professionals, highly detailed to allow you to cover many possible situations.



## Advantages of Our Service:

1. Our Services enable you to buy legal forms (living will) at very attractive price.
2. Get immediate access to the forms and packages you need for your business or personal life without even leaving your desk. Just click the "download" button.



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q What if I don't want a Living Will?

**A** You're not required to have a Living Will if you don't want one, but it's a good idea in order to guarantee that your wishes are followed regarding medical care. Otherwise, your family will have to make difficult decisions or incur large expenses and time delays if a legal guardianship or conservatorship is needed. If you become incapacitated and you have no Living Will, and your doctor and your family disagree about treatment, your health care decisions may have to be made in a court of law.

### Q What is the difference between a Living Will and a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care?

**A** A Living Will is a document addressing only deathbed considerations. In this document a client unilaterally declares his/her desire that life-prolonging measures be discontinued when there is no hope of ultimate recovery. A client uses a Durable Power of Attorney for all healthcare decisions, limited by certain elections regarding deathbed issues.

Do I need both a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care? Yes, it is a good idea to have both documents because they serve two different purposes. A living will takes effect only when there is no hope for recovery, while a durable power of attorney takes effect whenever

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you become unable to make decisions—such as during surgery or even when you become temporarily unconscious. Under law, if the terms of your living will and durable power of attorney conflict, the durable power of attorney controls.

### Q If I have a living will, do I also need a real "will" or a "living trust?"

**A** Yes, because wills and living trusts deal with financial and legal issues, whereas the living will deals with healthcare issues.

### Q Do I need to have my signature witnessed on a Living Will?

**A** Yes. Two qualified witnesses must witness your signature on the Living Will. In some states, witnesses must watch you sign the document.

### Q When should I complete a Living Will?

**A** Complete these documents before you become ill. An accident or serious illness can happen at any time. Talking with your family and physician now gives you a chance to ask questions and talk about your concerns. If you do this when you're healthy, you'll be thinking clearly as you talk about this.

### Q Can I revoke my Living Will?

**A** You can revoke your Living Will orally or in writing at any time. A divorce action will revoke your durable power of attorney for health care if your spouse is your agent and you have not named an alternate in your document. It is also a good idea to periodically review your documents to determine whether they still reflect your wishes.



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