

Online Estate Planning FAQ

What Families Need to Know

Attorney-built wills, trusts, and healthcare directives through Ethos

Are Ethos estate planning documents actually legally valid?

Yes. Ethos documents are built by licensed estate planning attorneys and comply with state-specific legal requirements for all 50 states except New York. Over 600,000 families have created estate plans through the platform. The key is following the execution instructions exactly. Proper signing and witnessing according to your state's rules makes the documents legally valid and accepted by probate courts.

How much does Ethos estate planning cost?

Complete estate planning packages cost \$0 to \$200. Ethos life insurance policyholders get estate planning documents free. There are no subscription fees and lifetime updates are included at no additional cost. Traditional attorneys charge \$1,500 to \$5,000 for the same documents.

Do we need a living trust or is a will enough?

A will requires probate court proceedings that cost thousands and take months. A living trust allows assets to pass directly to beneficiaries without probate. For families who own a home or have significant financial accounts, a living trust can save your beneficiaries \$8,000 to \$12,000 or more in probate costs and legal fees. Ethos packages include both.

What documents are included in an Ethos estate plan?

A complete Ethos package includes a state-specific last will and testament, revocable living trust, healthcare power of attorney, financial power of attorney, living will or advance healthcare directive, and HIPAA authorization. These are not separate purchases. Everything comes in one package.

When should we hire an attorney instead of using Ethos?

Hire an attorney if you own a business, have an estate over \$15 million, have blended family complications, need special needs trusts, own property in multiple states, or anticipate someone contesting your will. For straightforward estates with clear beneficiaries, which describes roughly 75% of American families, Ethos provides identical legal protection at a fraction of the cost.

What happens if we move to a different state?

Most wills remain valid if properly executed in the original state. However, property laws, estate taxes, and probate procedures differ between states. Ethos includes lifetime updates at no cost, so you can regenerate documents that comply with your new state's requirements anytime.

What happens to our documents if Ethos closes?

Your documents remain legally valid regardless of whether Ethos continues operating. You receive PDF copies you can download, print, and store independently. Once created and properly executed, the documents are yours permanently. Download copies to your computer and store originals in a fireproof safe or with your executor.

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