

Get a Life Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my loved ones disagree with my wishes?

A common concern that comes up during the planning process is the fear that your loved ones will disagree with your wishes. You may even be worrying about trying to make a plan that will make everyone happy. Family disagreements can be uncomfortable, but they shouldn't stop you from this important planning.

It's important to remember that your plan should reflect your wishes and not other people's wishes. Most of the time, writing down your wishes gives your loved ones great peace of mind because they care about you and they want to honor your wishes. Unfortunately, sometimes loved ones have strong feelings and opinions about these kinds of choices, and it can be difficult to carry out your wishes if your wishes are different from your loved ones' own wishes.

If you are worried about loved ones disagreeing with your wishes, you can tell your attorney about your concerns. There are creative ways to help your loved ones make peace with your decisions, and your attorney can help you think about the best solution for your specific circumstances. For some, it can be helpful to write personal letters to loved ones that can be opened when a difficult or painful choice needs to be made. For others, small compromises can make a big difference. If conflict can't be avoided, the solution might be to take steps to protect your plan from getting caught up in the court with loved ones fighting against each other.

Ultimately, you want to create a plan that reflects your values and your priorities. If one of your goals is to try to prevent or resolve potential conflict among your loved ones, that goal should be considered and discussed with your attorney along with all of your other financial, medical, and legal goals.