



# Where Should I Keep My Will?

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LET'S START WITH WHERE NOT TO KEEP YOUR WILL. DO NOT KEEP YOUR WILL IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX. IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX, THE BANKS GENERALLY REQUIRE SOME TYPE OF ORDER FROM THE COURT. AN ORDER FROM THE COURT NOT ONLY CAUSES A DELAY, BUT ALSO ADDS AN UNNECESSARY EXPENSE.

INSTEAD, WE RECOMMEND THAT OUR CLIENTS KEEP THEIR ORIGINAL WILL IN A FIRE PROOF LOCK BOX OR SAFE LOCATED IN THEIR HOME.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ORIGINAL WILL BE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE

WHERE ACCESS IS NOT EASILY GAINED BY FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS. THE REASON FOR THIS IS IF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND GAINS ACCESS TO THE ORIGINAL WILL AND TEARS IT UP, THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT YOU REVOKED IT. ALTHOUGH THE STATE OF TEXAS ALLOWS A COPY OF A WILL TO BE PROBATED, THE APPLICANT THAT IS GENERALLY NAMED EXECUTOR MUST FIRST OVERCOME THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE WILL WAS IN FACT DESTROYED OR REVOKED.

YOU'VE SPENT TIME AND MONEY ON YOUR ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS. MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN A SAFE PLACE.



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