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New campaign encourages Yukoners to make a will

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon has launched a new campaign to bring awareness to the importance of making and maintaining a legally valid will.

"A will is one of the most important legal documents a person should hold in their life because it protects their loved ones and ensures their estate is distributed according to their wishes," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said.

The Make a Will Month campaign encourages Yukoners to consider modern, real-life situations where a valid and up-to-date will provides greater certainty and assurance.

"A will makes it easier on families in their most difficult times," Canadian Bar Association - Yukon Branch Wills and Estates subsection lead Anna Pugh said. "Pre-planning provides peace of mind and goes a long way in making sure estate matters are handled smoothly and without the stress of added expenses or family disputes over what the deceased person may have wanted."

Make a Will Month aims to challenge Yukoners to think about the difficult circumstances dying without a will would create.

"We all know that tomorrow isn't a guarantee, yet so many people put off making a will," Public Guardian and Trustee Lori Whitson said. "We hope Make a Will Month brings more understanding to the value of a will, dispels common misconceptions and motivates Yukoners to get started."

The Department of Justice intends for Make a Will Month to be an annual event. The campaign has mirrored similar awareness initiatives held throughout the year in other parts of Canada and around the world.

Yukoners can access Make a Will Month information and resources on the Department of Justice website.

Learn more: [Make A Will Month](#)

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