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## Finding a will in Estonia

~ Legal professionals, some questions/answers to assist you ~

→ When the existence of a will has been established, who has to be contacted to obtain information about its content?

Information on the content of the will may be provided by the notary responsible for settling the succession. The notary holding the will or the notary who authenticated the will may reveal the content of the will to the persons having the right to inherit. The contact details of a notary settling the succession and the contacts of the notary holding the will or the notary who authenticated the will can be found from the Estonian Succession register after the death of the bequeathed is certified. The Estonian Succession register is interconnected with the European Network of Registers of Wills (ENRW).

→ Who is entitled to receive the information?

The information contained in the will, and if necessary a copy of the will itself, can be sent to persons having the right to inherit either by law or by will or to the notary settling the succession.

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→ Is there a particular procedure to be followed? If so, which one?

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Will deposited with notary must have been opened in accordance with special procedure and this is not applicable to wills authenticated by notary or to domestic wills.

→ By what means can the information be sent?

The information contained in the will and/or copies of the will itself are sent by post or electronically.

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