

# Estate Planning

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Early estate planning helps you manage your financial matters and ensure that your wishes for the disposition of your estate are known. Estate planning encompasses a variety of activities including:

- Leaving a will
- Naming beneficiaries in insurance and other policies,
- Planning and prepaying for your funeral,
- Using life insurance to cover expenses,
- Giving gifts before your death,
- Using your RRSP contributions as you wish,
- Buying permanent life insurance as an investment,
- Transferring property to joint ownership,
- Setting up trust fund(s), and
- Making arrangements in case of incapacity.



## Where to Get Information

The following are good references to get you started on estate planning:

- [Government of Canada](#)
- [Canadian Armed Forces](#)
- [Beechwood Military Cemetery](#)

## Canadian National Military Cemetery

If you are considering burial at the Canadian National Military Cemetery in the Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa, see:

<https://beechwoodottawa.ca/en/communities/defence-and-security-services/national-military-cemetery> for the information you need.



## Last Post Fund

The mission of the [Last Post Fund](#) is to ensure every veteran has a dignified funeral and burial, as well as a military gravestone, due to insufficient funds at the time of death.



## Cremation Urns

For those wishing to acquire a cremation urn bearing a military crest, [Barn and Stable](#) produces such items for the Canadian National Military Cemetery and will produce custom items upon request. Contact them at: [info@barnandstable.com](mailto:info@barnandstable.com)