

## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY TO PATIENT SAFETY & JUSTICE



Remembering AvMA in your will helps people affected by avoidable harm and builds a safer and fairer future for patients

### A safer future for all patients

**AvMA is the UK charity for patient safety & justice. We support people affected by avoidable harm in healthcare; to help them achieve justice and to promote better patient safety for all.**

If something has gone wrong with healthcare and it has caused harm to you or a loved one, we are here to listen to you, explain the options available and help you find the support and information you need.

Each year our helpline gives advice and support to 2,500 people. We also offer more in-depth support and advice to patients and families through our written advice and inquest services.

We strive to improve patient safety, fairness and access to justice, giving a voice to patients and families. Your help could make a real difference to our work.

### How your gift helps

**Legacies are of vital importance to AvMA, no matter what the size. We are such a specialist charity that we find it harder than many good causes to raise funds. Your legacy could:**

- Support a bereaved relative through the complexity and distress of an inquest
- Help a vulnerable patient to get to the bottom of why something went wrong with their healthcare that caused them harm
- Enable someone permanently disabled by healthcare harm to access the justice and support they need
- Advance improvements in patient safety and justice for all

To find out more about AvMA's work visit our website:

**[www.avma.org.uk](http://www.avma.org.uk)**

### Why your legacy is important



“ I can never thank you enough for all your support. The last 11 months have been truly awful but having AVMA there for us for the inquest into my brother's preventable death was the one ray of hope. You are a most wonderful charity.

“ Your support has been absolutely invaluable, right from when I first rang you and could hardly even speak I was so distressed. You have made a very real difference to my recovery. Thank you for the wonderful and vital work you are doing.

**We are completely independent and rely on legacies and donations from supporters to fund our work. Your legacy would allow us to help more people like this.**

## How to leave a legacy

**Writing a will is relatively straightforward, but remember that when making or updating your will it is best to seek professional advice.**

While it's possible to make your own will, if you leave out certain details it could make your will invalid. We strongly recommended you have it checked by a professional.

Remember a Charity has produced a useful guide to making a will at [www.remembercharity.org.uk/making-a-will](http://www.remembercharity.org.uk/making-a-will).

You need not tell us if you have remembered us in your will, but we would love to hear from you if you do.

## Would you like to leave a gift to AvMA in your will?

Speak to your solicitor or contact us today for more information on leaving a gift to charity.

[fundraising@avma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@avma.org.uk)

0208 688 9555

[www.avma.org.uk/legacy](http://www.avma.org.uk/legacy)

*Thank you*

## Donate in memory

A donation to AvMA in memory of a loved one allows their memory to live on in helping to change the lives of those harmed when things go wrong with healthcare.

You can make a donation direct to AvMA or arrange a funeral collection to allow friends and family to contribute.

To make a donation in memory of a loved one please visit [www.avma.org.uk/donate](http://www.avma.org.uk/donate) and click on 'donate online'. You can use the comments section to tell us about your loved one.

Or contact us on [fundraising@avma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@avma.org.uk) or call 0208 688 9555.

Or speak to your funeral director about arranging a funeral collection.



## Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA)

AvMA is the charity for patient safety and justice. We provide free specialist advice and support to people when things go wrong in healthcare and campaign to improve patient safety and justice.

For advice and information visit our website [www.avma.org.uk](http://www.avma.org.uk)


Or call our helpline

**0845 123 2352**

10am-3.30pm Monday-Friday

Calls cost 0-7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge

Registered charity in England & Wales (299123) and Scotland (SCO39683)

 Freedman House, Christopher Wren Yard, 117 High Street, Croydon CR0 1QG

 [www.facebook.com/AvMAuk](http://www.facebook.com/AvMAuk)

 [@AvMAuk](https://twitter.com/AvMAuk)

 [bit.ly/AvMAYouTube](https://bit.ly/AvMAYouTube)

If you are interested in receiving more copies of this leaflet, please email [fundraising@avma.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@avma.org.uk)

**avma**  
action against medical accidents