

# Revocable Trusts

## What is a revocable trust?

A revocable trust is a document used to manage assets. The trust agreement appoints a trustee, who holds the assets (trust property) and manages the trust. Usually, the person creating the trust (the grantor) acts as the trustee so long as he or she is competent. The grantor can change or cancel the trust at any time during his or her life. When the grantor dies or becomes incompetent, the trust becomes irrevocable, meaning it cannot be changed or canceled.

---

## How long do assets stay in the trust?

The assets in a trust can remain in a trust forever, subject to certain tax and other limitations. A grantor can keep a trust in place for a spouse, children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren.

---

## Why would you want a revocable trust?

Many people prefer revocable trusts because the terms of the trust are private and do not become public at the grantor's death. The assets in the trust do not pass through the probate court. If you are interested in a trust, you should talk to an attorney about creating a trust that meets your needs.

Last updated on January 04, 2021.

[Print](#)

[Table of Contents](#)

[NEWS](#)

News & publications

[More News](#)

26 Apr 2022

Chat Bots for Family Law, Landlord-Tenant, and Workers Compensation

Need Legal Help? Check Out Our Chat Bots! We currently have three...

[Continue Reading about Chat Bots for Family Law, Landlord-Tenant, and Workers Compensation](#)

14 Apr 2022



Free Senior Legal Helpline

Are you a senior citizen with legal questions? If you're 60 or older...

[Continue Reading about Free Senior Legal Helpline](#)

5 Aug 2021

Free Divorce Forms for Couples with NO Children

In Tennessee, there are times when married couples can get divorced using free...

[Continue Reading about Free Divorce Forms for Couples with NO Children](#)

**Our Partners**

## Our Partners



National Association of Social Workers



WEST TENNESSEE  
LEGAL SERVICES

---

PDF downloaded from <https://www.help4tn.org/senior-services/legal-information/planning-ahead/revocable-trusts>