Intestacy Chart

Who inherits without a will?

YOUR QUESTIONS... ANSWERED
**ARE YOU MARRIED OR IN A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP?**

**YES**

- **Do you have children?**
  - **NO**
    - Your spouse or civil partner will get everything.
  - **YES**
    - Your spouse or civil partner will receive the first 250,000 plus chattels and half of the remainder. Your children will receive the rest.

**NO**

- **Do you have children?**
  - **YES**
    - Your estate is shared equally by your children.
  - **NO**
    - **Do you have parents?**
      - **YES**
        - Your estate is shared equally between your parents.
      - **NO**
        - **Do you have brothers or sisters?**
          - **YES**
            - Your estate is shared equally between your siblings. If you have no full siblings then your estate would be shared equally between your half siblings.
          - **NO**
            - **Do you have grandparents?**
              - **YES**
                - Your estate is shared equally between your grandparents.
              - **NO**
                - **Do you have aunts or uncles?**
                  - **YES**
                    - Your estate is shared equally between your full aunts & uncles. If you have no full aunts & uncles then your estate would be shared equally between your half aunts & uncles.
                  - **NO**
                    - Everything passes to the crown.

**OTHER FACTSHEETS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:**

- Wills
- Shareholder Agreements
- Property Ownership
- Personal Injury Trusts
- Partnership Agreements
- Life Interest
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Intestacy Chart
- Inheritance Tax
- Disabled Person Trusts
- Court of Protection
- Care Home Fees
- Probate

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**Personal Chattels** are items of personal property such as clothes, jewellery and furniture.

Your Spouse will only benefit if he or she survived you by 28 days. If your Spouse does not survive for this period, then your estate will be distributed as if you had not been married.

The Rules of intestacy do not necessarily distribute assets in the most tax efficient manner and do not always distribute assets in a way that an individual necessarily wants. This can be compounded where there have been second marriages and various children in previous relationships; or individuals simply co-habit.

To ensure an estate is distributed according to the wishes of the deceased and in a tax efficient manner, individuals should not rely on these Rules, but should seek advice to determine how best to distribute an estate in a tax efficient manner and create a suitable Will.

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