

Intestacy Rules

Flow Chart



Your spouse or civil partner will receive:

- Personal possessions;
- The first £250,000 together with interest on that amount from the date of death; and
- One half of anything that remains

Your children 1 2 will receive:

• The other half of anything that remains.

Your spouse or civil partner will receive everything

Everything is shared equally between your children. 12

Everything is shared equally between your parents.

Everything is shared equally between your full siblings. ²

If there are no full siblings² then equally between your half siblings. ²

Everything is shared equally between your grandparents.

Everything is shared equally between your full aunts and uncles. ² If there are no full aunts and uncles ² then equally between your half aunts and uncles. ²

Do you have parents living?





Do you have siblings? 2





Do you have grandparents living?





Do you have aunts or uncles? 2





Everything passes to the Crown.

Please note that this information is provided as a guide and only summarises the laws relating to intestacy in England and Wales as at 2014. This page illustrates the new rules set out in the Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act 2014 which came into force in October 2014





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 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The term children includes illegitimate and adopted children, but not stepchildren

 $^{^2}$ If those relatives were not living at the date of your death but they left descendants who are, then those descendants would usually inherit the share their parent would have taken had they survived you.

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