



## The Laws of Intestacy (England & Wales)

Are you Married / in a Registered Civil Partnership?

YES

NO

Spouse / Civil Partner gets everything

NO

Is your net estate worth more than £250,000 excluding personal chattels?

Do you have a Child or Children?

YES

Shared between them equally

YES

NO

Spouse / Civil Partner gets £250,000 plus personal chattels, plus a life interest in half of the remainder. The balance goes to the Children

YES

Do you have a Child or Children?

Do you have a Parent or Parents still alive?

YES

Shared between them equally

NO

NO

Spouse / Civil Partner gets first £450,000 plus personal chattels, plus half the balance absolutely. The other half of the balance goes to the Parent or Parents absolutely

YES

Do you have a Parent or Parents still alive?

Do you have Brothers and Sisters or their issue if deceased?

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

NO

Spouse / Civil Partner gets first £450,000 plus personal chattels, plus half the balance absolutely. The other half of the balance is shared equally among Brothers and Sisters

YES

Do you have Brothers and Sisters?

Do you have a Grandparent or Grandparents still alive?

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

NO

Do you have Uncles and Aunts or their issue if deceased?

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

Everything goes to Spouse / Civil Partner

Everything goes to the Crown. This means that a Government department known as the 'BONA VACANTIA' department takes it