



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?

YES

Do you have a Child or Children?

NO

Everything goes to Spouse / Civil Partner

Do you have a Child or Children?

YES

Shared between them equally

NO

Do you have a Parent or Parents still alive?

YES

Shared between them equally

NO

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

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

Do you have a Grandparent or Grandparents still alive?

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

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

YES

Shared equally among them

NO

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

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

* For deaths after the Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act 2014 has come in to force.