

## Here's what happens to an estate when someone dies without making a will

When someone dies without a will, it means they've died 'intestate'. This means that their estate (money, possessions and property) is shared out according to the rules of intestacy, regardless of whether this is what they would have wanted.

Having a will in place will ensure your affairs are taken care of after you die and that your assets are distributed to the people you care about.



\*For deaths that occurred after 26/07/2023. For deaths that occurred before this date, this figure is  $\pounds$ 270,000.

\*\*If whole-blood relatives have died leaving children, then their children will inherit in priority to the half-blood relatives. Information is provided as guidance only and is not a substitute for legal advice. The Rules of Intestacy described relate to England and Wales only.

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