

InfoSheet

Intestate estates

What happens to your estate if you die without a valid will?

Efficiency + Fulfillment + Integrity + Teamwork

Where you are survived by:

your spouse and no children:	spouse takes the whole of the estate;
spouse and children:	if the value of the estate is – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200,000 or less spouse receives the whole estate• more than \$200,000 spouse receives the first \$200,000, household effects, half the balance; children take the other half of the balance equally;
children but no spouse:	children take the whole estate equally;
parent(s) but no spouse or children:	parent(s) take the whole estate equally;
brothers and sisters and their children but no spouse, children or parent:	brothers and sisters and the children of predeceased brothers and sisters take the whole estate equally;
grandparents and children of brothers and sisters and uncles and aunts:	grandparent(s) take the whole estate, or, if none; nephews and nieces and uncles and aunts take per capita, or, if none; cousins and great-nephews/nieces take per capita, or, if none; next-of-kin of equal degree per capita.

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