

Intestacy Rules

Where a person dies without leaving a valid will, their estate is distributed in accordance with the Intestacy Rules. Who inherits their estate depends on the marital status, whether there are any children and the surviving members of the immediate family. This flowchart provides details of what happens step by step when the Deceased lived in England and Wales. As family relationships are varied and complex this flowchart is not definitive legal advice. Contact Pearson Solicitors for further advice.



*The Increased statutory legacy will only apply to deaths occurring from 6th February 2020. Up to that date the lower amount of £250000 will apply.

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