Where will your property go, if you don't make a will?





Typical circumstances in which a person might not want the intestacy rules to apply:

- In a cohabiting relationship (though note that property can be owned jointly in a way that means it can pass directly).
- Married and has children from another relationship.
- Single with no children and estranged from one or both parents.
- Wants money to be used for a particular purpose, e.g. setting up a discretionary trust fund for a son or daughter with learning disabilities.

* When your estate has to be shared between your parents or grandparents and one of them has died before you, those still living receive the whole of your estate. In other cases, for example, where your sister or uncle would have been entitled to a share had they not already died, their children get their share. The same rules apply to the children of half-brothers and sisters, and half-uncle and aunts.

**Your aunt or uncle 'of the half blood' is your parent's half-brother or sister. Only your blood relatives will receive anything if you die without a will. Step brothers or sisters aren't entitled to anything, neither are your aunts or uncles by marriage.



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