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## Informative Note

# Common-law spouses in the United Kingdom

‘To whom it may concern:

Although the terms common-law wife or husband are frequently used to describe a couple who live together, these relationships do not have legal recognition in the UK.

Couples who choose to live together without getting married, do so without the benefit of matrimonial legislation.

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