

The Rules of Intestacy

Is the person married

Yes ↓

↓ No

Spouse gets everything

No ←

Is the estate worth more than £125,000?

Does the person have children?

Yes →

Shared equally between them

Yes ↓

↓ No

Spouse gets £125,000 and a life interest in half the remainder. Children get the rest

Yes ←

Does the person have children?

Does the person have parents?

Yes →

Shared equally between them

No ↓

↓ No

Spouse gets first £220,000 plus half the balance Rest shared between parents

Yes ←

Does the person have parents?

Does the person have brothers or sisters?

Yes →

Shared equally between them

No ↓

↓ No

Spouse gets first £220,000 plus half the balance. Rest shared between brothers and sisters

Yes ←

Does the person have brothers and sisters?

Does the person have grandparents?

Yes →

Shared equally between them

No ↓

↓ No

Everything goes to spouse

Does the person have uncles and aunts?

Yes →

Shared equally between them

No ↓

Everything goes to the Crown (Government)