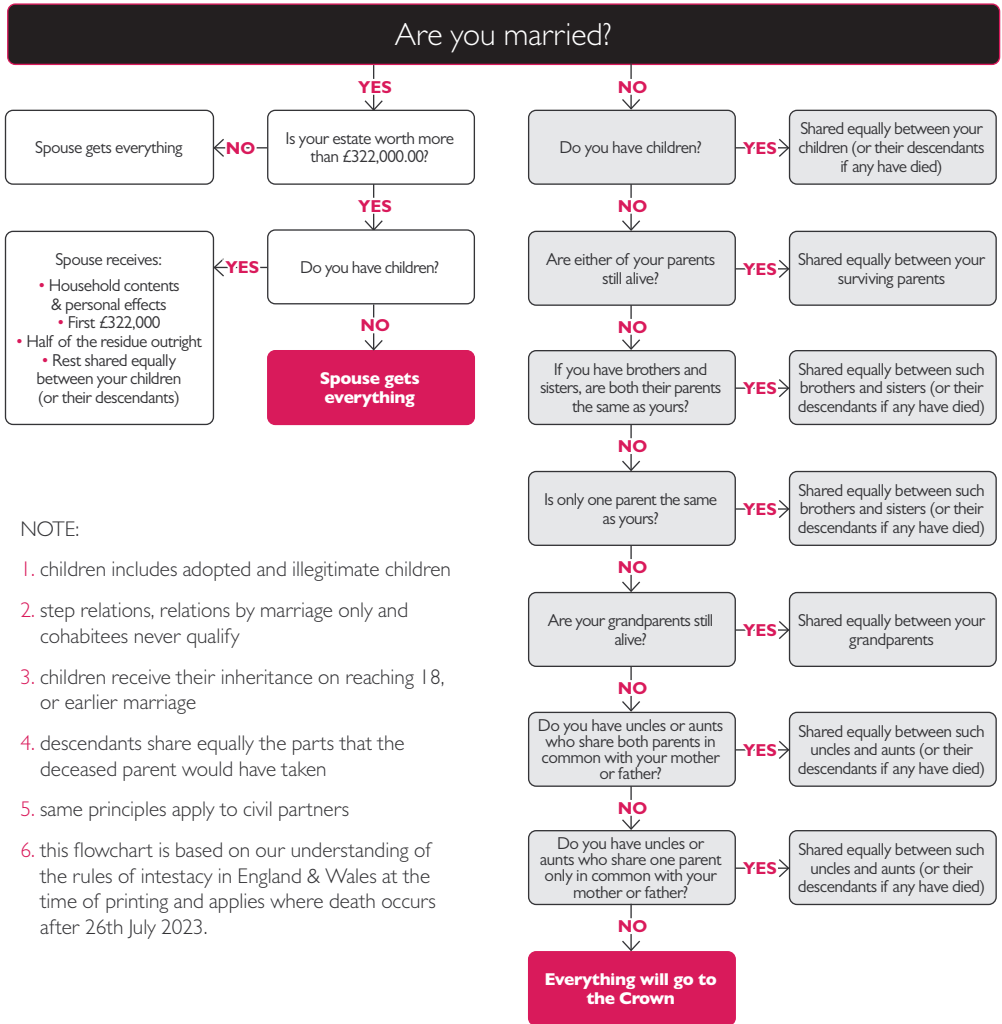


# What will happen if I die without making a Will?



**NOTE:**

1. children includes adopted and illegitimate children
2. step relations, relations by marriage only and cohabittees never qualify
3. children receive their inheritance on reaching 18, or earlier marriage
4. descendants share equally the parts that the deceased parent would have taken
5. same principles apply to civil partners
6. this flowchart is based on our understanding of the rules of intestacy in England & Wales at the time of printing and applies where death occurs after 26th July 2023.

# About us

Band Hatton Button has a reputation for being approachable and "going the extra mile" for its clients by providing high quality, pragmatic advice. We offer a comprehensive range of legal services, delivered by experts and supported by our culture of respect and understanding.

## Your Will - so important and so easy

Making a Will these days is easier than ever and, if you've been putting it off simply because it seems daunting or expensive, then you could be making a big mistake.

Writing a Will gives you peace of mind that your wishes will be respected after you die and, by making those wishes clear, you can save your loved ones any additional stress at what is likely to be a very difficult time.

Without a Will the laws of intestacy (as illustrated in the flowchart overleaf) will determine who will receive your estate on your death. In some cases this can be unfair and inappropriate.

We can help you to put your affairs in order and set out your wishes in regard to:

- Choosing responsible executors
- Providing for your spouse or partner
- Care and financial provision for your children
- Protecting business interests
- Protecting family heirlooms from distant relatives
- Gifts to friends and family
- Leaving a legacy to a charity
- Your funeral wishes.

From simple to more complex estates, we can make the process of making a Will cost-effective and straightforward.

## Our services

- Wills, estate and succession planning
- Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection
- Administration of estates and post death planning
- Trust creation and administration
- Will disputes
- Matrimonial and family law
- Buying or selling a property.



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