

Information

Dying Intestate

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If an individual dies without making a will (known as “dying intestate”) it will take longer to put his or her estate in order with the Probate Service.

In cases where a valid will has been written, signed, and witnessed, you can be assured that your assets will be distributed in accordance with your wishes, and dealt with more quickly.

Without a will, the estate may not be distributed in accordance with the deceased’s wishes. Legislation will dictate who gets what from the estate, depending on the amount of money involved and the deceased’s family circumstances. Legal costs for administering the estate are likely to be higher.

A will is a legal document that establishes what you want to happen to your estate (assets and personal belongings) after your death. It is an important part of your financial plan.

This chart shows how your estate would be distributed on your death if there is no will.

