

The Law of Intestacy

If you do not leave a valid Will, the Intestacy Rules (effective 1st October 2014) dictate who is entitled to inherit from your Estate. The diagram below illustrates the way in which an estate would be distributed among the surviving relatives.



Chart from <http://mindatrest.co.uk/blog/law-of-intestacy/>

Children relates to illegitimate and adopted children, but not step-children.

If any relative pre-deceases you, their descendants will usually inherit their share.