

# Information

## Dying Intestate

### Northern Ireland



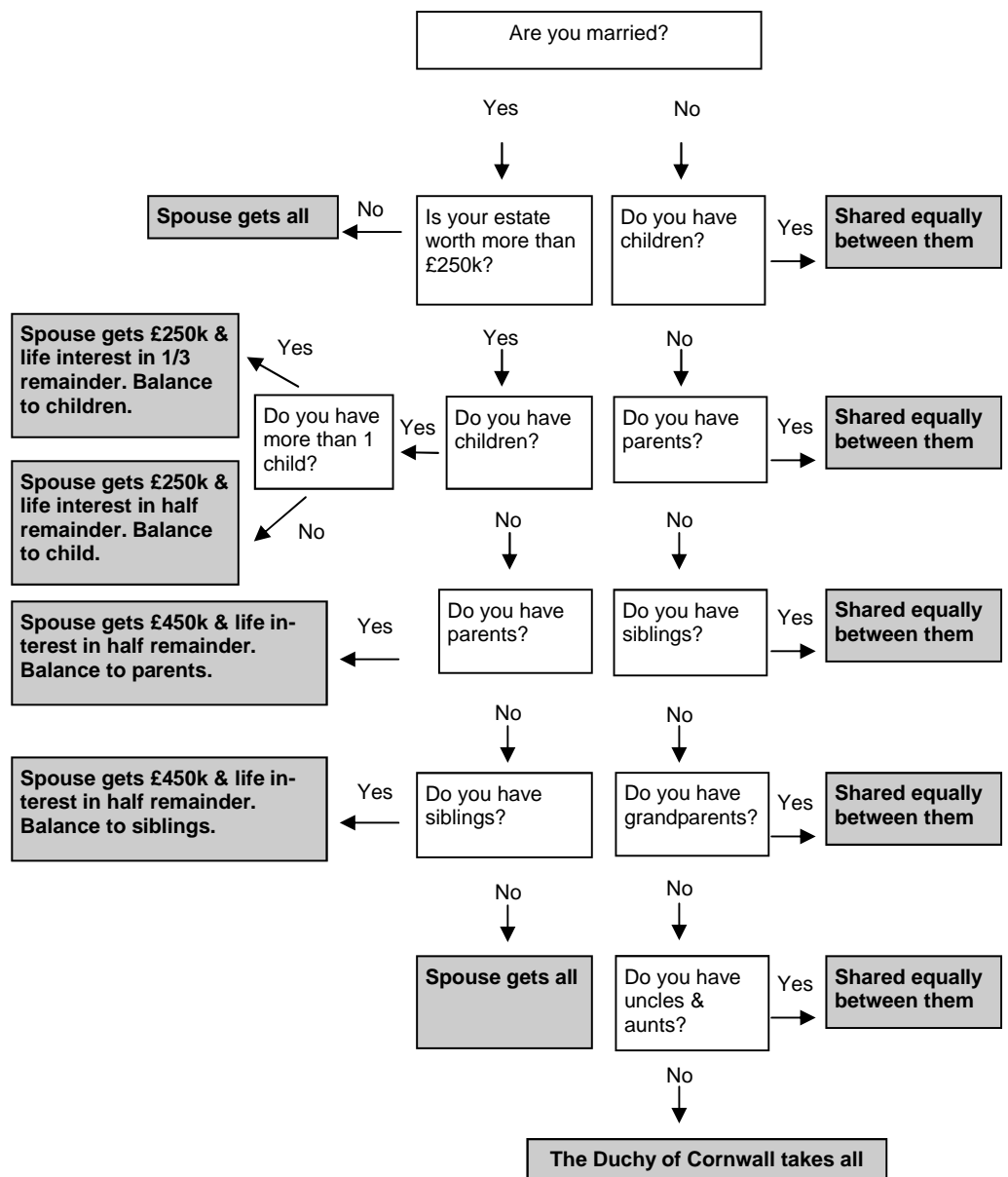
If an individual dies without making a will (known as “dying intestate”) it will take longer to put his or her estate in order with the Probate Service.

In cases where a valid will has been written, signed, and witnessed, the average time to process the estate is only six weeks.

**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.**

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.



This information has been produced for Navigator Financial Planning clients and partner solicitor firms in Northern Ireland only. This information is based on our current understanding of law and Inland Revenue practice which may change. This information should not be taken as advice or recommendation of suitability. All images are copyright 2007 © Navigator Financial Planning Ltd. Navigator Financial Planning Ltd is an Appointed Representative of Investments Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

