## The Rules of Intestacy

> Is their a surviving spouse or civil partner?

## Is the estate likely to be worth more than $£ 322,000$ ?

The spouse or civil partner gets all of the estate.

Are there any surviving children, grandchildren or other direct descendants?

The spouse or civil partner keeps all the assets (including property) up to $£ 322,000$, and all the personal possessions, whatever their value.
The remainder of the estate will be shared as follows:

- The husband, wife or civil partner gets an absolute interest in half of the remainder
- the other half is then divided equally between the surviving chidren If a son or daughter has already died, their children will inherit in their place

Are their any surviving parents?

Did the deceased have any brothers or sisters?

Did the deceased have any half brothers or sisters?


Did the deceased have any aunts or uncles?

Did the deceased have any half-aunts or halfuncles?

The estate is shared equally between the children of their descendants.
If a son or daughter has already died, their children (the grandchildren of the deceased) inherit in their place.

The estate is shared equally between the parents

The estate is shared equally between the brothers and sisters. If a brother or sister has already died, their children (nieces and nephews of the deceased) inherit in their place.

The estate is shared equally between the half brothers and sisters. If a half brother or sister has already died, their children
(nieces and nephews of the deceased) inherit in their place.

The estate is shared equally between the grandparents

The estate is shared equally between the aunts or uncles. If an aunt or uncle has already died, their children (the cousins of the deceased) inherit in their place.

The estate is shared equally between the half-aunts or half uncles. If a half-aunt or half-uncle has already died, their children (the cousins of the deceased) inherit in their place.

