**Rules of Intestacy**
for deaths on or after 1st October 2014

Did the deceased have a spouse or civil partner?

- **YES**
  - Spouse or civil partner gets first £250,000, personal belongings & half the rest. The remaining half goes to children at 18

- **NO**
  - Did the deceased have children?
    - **YES**
      - Spouse/civil partner gets all if survives 28 days
    - **NO**
      - Did the deceased have surviving parents?
        - **YES**
          - Shared equally between the parents or all to the surviving parent if one has died
        - **NO**
          - Did the deceased have surviving or deceased siblings of whole blood (brothers or sisters with both parents in common)?
            - **YES**
              - Shared equally among siblings of whole blood (brothers or sisters with both parents in common) or descendants of deceased siblings
            - **NO**
              - Did the deceased have surviving or deceased siblings of half blood (brothers or sisters with one parent in common)?
                - **YES**
                  - Shared equally among siblings of half blood (brothers or sisters with one parent in common) or descendants of deceased siblings
                - **NO**
                  - Did the deceased have surviving grandparents?
                    - **YES**
                      - Shared equally among surviving grandparents
                    - **NO**
                      - Did the deceased have surviving or deceased uncles & aunts of whole blood (with both parents in common) or descendants of deceased uncles/aunts?
                        - **YES**
                          - Shared equally among uncles/ aunts of whole blood (with both parents in common) or descendants of deceased uncles/aunts
                        - **NO**
                          - Did the deceased have surviving or deceased uncles & aunts of half blood (with one parent in common) or descendants of deceased uncles/aunts?
                            - **YES**
                              - Shared equally by uncles/ aunts of half blood (with one parent in common) & descendants of deceased uncles/aunts
                            - **NO**
                              - All managed by Treasury Solicitor for the Crown, Duchy of Lancaster or Duchy of Cornwall

Other notes
- Step relations, relations by marriage only & cohabiters never qualify
- Formally adopted children are treated as being of whole blood (with both parents in common)
- Blood children who have been formally adopted into a different family before the death lose their entitlement

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