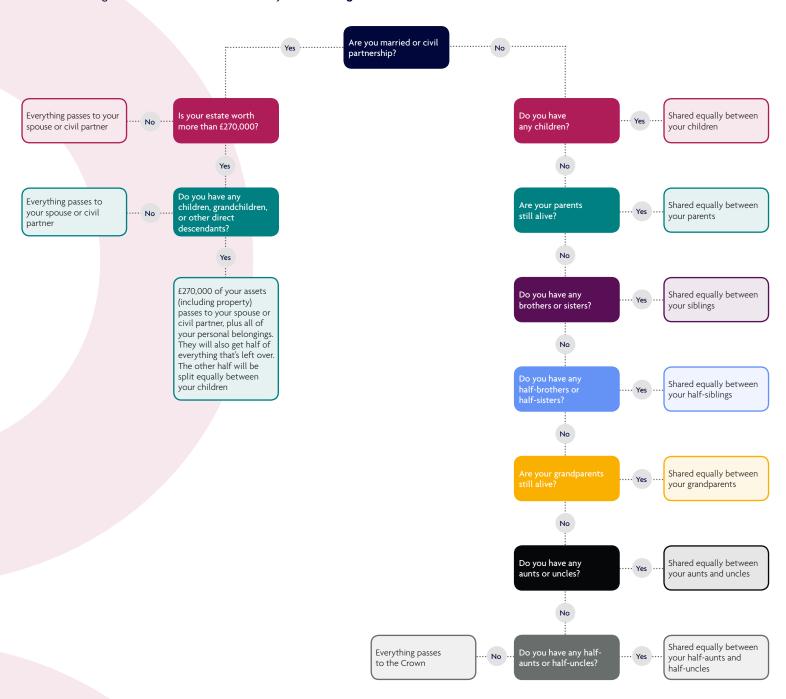
Intestacy Flowchart - England & Wales



Intestacy is the legal term for when someone dies without a legal will. If you have not created a will, the distribution of your assets then becomes the responsibility of the law.

It's therefore important to write a will to ensure you have control over what happens to your assets. The diagram below outlines the intestacy rules for **England & Wales**:



Important information



Children here include legally-adopted sons or daughters but not stepchildren.



Half-siblings are those with one parent in common with you.



If you and your partner are not married, they won't inherit any of your estate unless you say so in the will