The Rules of Intestacy

Is their a surviving spouse or civil partner?

Are their any surviving parents?

Did the deceased have any

brothers or sisters?

Did the deceased have any half

brothers or sisters?

Are there any grandparents living?



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

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

The spouse or civil partner gets all of the estate.

The estate is shared equally between the children of their descendants.

Are there any surviving children, grandchildren or other direct descendants ? If a son or daughter has already died, their children (the grandchildren of the deceased) inherit in their place.

The spouse or civil partner keeps all the assets (including property) up to

The estate is shared equally between the parents

value.
The remainder of the estate
will be shared as follows:

£322,000, and all the personal

possessions, whatever their

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 husband, wife or civil partner gets an absolute interest in half of the remainder

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

 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

The estate is shared equally between the grandparents

deceased) inherit in their place.

any aunts or uncles?

Did the deceased have

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 whole estate goes to the Crown.

Did the deceased have any half-aunts or halfuncles?

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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.