

**WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR ESTATE,  
IF YOU DIE WITHOUT A WILL?**

It will pass under the Law of Intestacy

<b>PERSONS LEFT SURVIVING</b>	<b>THE DECEDENT'S SHARE OF THE COMMUNITY PROPERTY</b>	<b>THE DECEDENT'S SEPARATE PROPERTY</b>
<b>SPOUSE AND ONE CHILD</b>	All to surviving spouse	One-half to spouse One-half to child
<b>SPOUSE AND CHILDREN</b>	All to surviving spouse	One-third to Spouse Two-thirds to children
<b>ONLY CHILDREN</b>	No community property	All to children
<b>ONLY SPOUSE</b>	All to surviving spouse	One-half to spouse One half to Decedent's parents if living, otherwise to his/her siblings
<b>ONLY PARENTS</b>	No community property	All to parents equally
<b>NO SPOUSE NOR CHILDREN NOR PARENTS</b>	No community property	All to siblings, equally

**WHILE INTESTACY IS CHEAPER OVER THE SHORT RUN,  
WITHOUT A WILL:**

- ▶ **You cannot direct specific property to specific people at specific times.**
- ▶ **You cannot choose the executor of your estate.**
- ▶ **You cannot choose the guardian of your children.**
- ▶ **You cannot waive fiduciary bonds.**