



Think You Know Who Gets Your Property When You Die! Think Again!

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Resources

1. **Montana Common Law Marriage & Estate Planning** MSU Extension MontGuide (MT201408HR) (2019)
Explores Montana common law marriages from an estate planning perspective. Topics include: The definition of common law marriage, what establishes a common law marriage, what documentation is necessary for a common law marriage, and what amount the surviving spouse of a common law marriage inherits.
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 - a. [Affidavit of Common Law Marriage Form](#) (PDF) Montana Judicial Branch
2. **Dying Without a Will in Montana: Who Receives Your Property?** MSU Extension MontGuide (MT198908HR) (2019)
Includes legal terms and detailed examples of possible scenarios for distribution of property should a person die before writing a will in Montana.
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3. **Dying Without a Will in Montana Interactive Website**
Who receives your property if you pass away without a written will? Use this website to discover how your property will be distributed under Montana law if you are a Montana resident and if you pass away without a written will (as do 7 out of 10 Americans).
<https://www.montana.edu/dyingwithoutawill>
4. **Property Ownership** MSU Extension MontGuide (MT198907HR) (2019)
Describes the three main forms of property ownership in Montana, plus real-life examples of estate settlement for each.
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