



INTESTACY Common Fallacies

Adam did not make a Will. “Everything will go to my wife Eve in any case,” he asserted. **Wrong!** He left an estate of £300,000. Eve and two nasty brothers survived him.

Eve got the “personal chattels”, ie furniture etc, £200,000 and half the balance of £50,000. The nasty brothers take £25,000 each.

Romeo and Juliet lived in unwedded bliss with their baby but they did not make Wills. “We’re common law husband and wife and so everything will go to Juliet.” **Wrong!** He left £100,000.

Juliet got nothing, it all went in trust until the baby is 18.

Darby and Joan lived together in their old age but did not marry or make Wills. “Our house will automatically pass to the survivor if one of us dies”
Wrong! It will not always pass automatically.

Darby died and Joan lost her home.

The Lone Ranger wanted Tonto to have Silver and his guns on his death. TLR died without making a will “Everyone knows what I want” **Wrong!**

All the Lone Ranger’s possessions, including poor old Silver, were sold and the money passed to his aunt.

DON’T FALL FOR A COMMON FALLACY – MAKE A WILL

- Your money goes where you want.
- You decide who sorts out your estate
- You can make arrangements for your children

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