Without a Will in Indiana

Indiana Inheritance Procedures in the Absence of a Will If you do not make a will, your heirs will be...

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For an unmarried person	Distribution of Estate
with child/children or issue of deceased child/children OR	 Child/children and/or grandchild/grandchildren: equal shares
without surviving children	Per parent: ¼ of estateSiblings and nieces/ nephews: remaining estate
and with no parents or siblings	Nieces/nephews: equal shares
and with no nieces or nephews	Grandparents: equal shares
and with no grandparents OR	Aunts, uncles, and cousins: equal shares
with none of the above	State of Indiana
For a married person	Distribution of Estate
with one or more living child and/or issue of deceased child (e.g., wife dies and is survived by husband and child of deceased son)	Spouse: ½ of estate Child/children and/or grand-child/grandchildren: ½ estate
with no surviving issue (e.g., child) but with living parents OR	• Spouse: ¾ of estate • Parents: ¼ of estate
with no surviving issue or parents OR	Spouse
with a second or subsequent spouse, and with surviving child/children of deceased child/children (e.g., husband dies and is survived by second wife and child from first marriage) OR	Spouse: ½ of personal property and ¼ value of real estate property Child/children and/or grandchild/grandchildren: equal share of remaining personal property and real estate property State of Indiana
with none of the above	State of Indiana

Note: The term "issue" simply means someone descended from someone else, such as a daughter or granddaughter. The term "personal property" in these diagrams refers to those items that have immeasurable or intrinsic value, such as an old piano or a collection of personal journals. Bank accounts, pensions, real estate, life insurance, and other financially measurable assets are included in the overall definition of the "estate."



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