



*How Title Affects Who Received Your Property Upon
Death: With or Without a Will*
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Resources

- [Dying Without a Will in Montana: Who Receives Your Property](#) (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Includes legal terms and detailed examples of possible scenarios for distribution of property should a person die before writing a will.
- [Dying Without a Will 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).
- [Property Ownership](#) (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Describes the three main forms of property ownership, plus real-life examples of estate settlement for each.
- [Nonprobate Transfers](#) (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Describes the various forms of ownership that allow the deceased's property to bypass probate and transfer directly to beneficiaries.
- [Accessing a Deceased Person's Financial Accounts](#) (MSU Extension MontGuide)
Describes how heirs of a deceased person can access his/her financial accounts, depending on whether the accounts were owned jointly with other individuals, had payable-on-death or transfer-on-death designations, or had no designated beneficiary.
 - [Affidavit for Collection of Personal Property of the Decedent](#) (PDF)