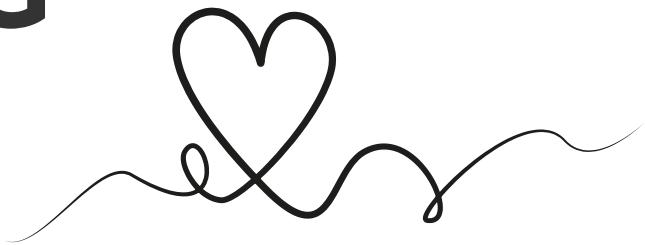


# COHABITING COUPLES CHECKLIST:



## KNOW WHERE YOU STAND LEGALLY

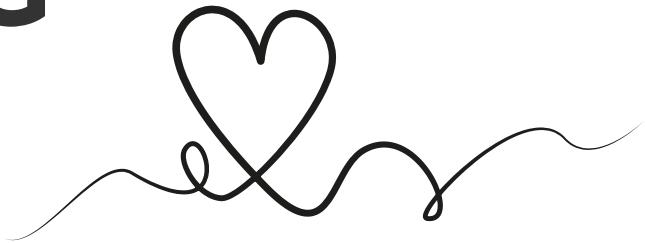
Living together does not automatically give the same legal rights as marriage or civil partnership.

This checklist helps you understand whether there may be gaps in protection – and when it may be worth getting advice.

## TICK WHAT APPLIES TO YOU

- We live together but are not married or in a civil partnership
- The home is in one partner's name only
- We contributed unequally to the purchase price or deposit
- One of us pays most of the mortgage or household costs
- One partner reduced work or gave up a career for the family
- We have children together
- We do not have a cohabitation agreement
- We do not have a declaration of trust
- We do not have Wills in place
- We have never discussed what would happen if we separated
- We have never discussed what would happen if one of us passed away

# COHABITING COUPLES CHECKLIST:



## **IF YOU TICKED ANY OF THE ABOVE**

You may want to understand your legal position more clearly.

There are steps that can help reduce uncertainty, including:

- Cohabitation agreements (setting out finances and intentions)
- Declarations of trust (recording property ownership and contributions)
- Making a Will (to avoid intestacy rules applying)

**NOTES:**

## NEXT STEPS

If you're unsure what action to take, our Family Law team can help explain your options and provide guidance tailored to your situation.



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