What happens if you die without making a Will after 1 October 2014

Are you married?

Spouse gets everything.
Persons entitled to Letters of Administration (LoA): surviving spouse

Is your estate worth more than £250,000 (for death on or after 1 Dec 1993)?

Do you have children?

Are either of your parents still alive?

If you have brothers or sisters, are both of their parents the same as yours? (siblings of whole blood)

Do you have children or grandchildren?

Are your grandparents still alive?

Do you have uncles or aunts who share both parents in common with either of your parents? (uncles or aunts of whole blood)

Do you have uncles or aunts who share one parent only in common with your mother or father? (uncles or aunts of half blood)

Spouse receives:
- Household contents & personal effects
- First £250,000
- Half of any balance of estate
- Other half shared equally between your children (or their descendants)
- Persons entitled to LoA: surviving spouse or child

Shared equally between your children (or descendants if any have died). Persons entitled to LoA: children

Shared equally between your surviving parents. Persons entitled to LoA: father or mother (one or more)

Shared equally between such brothers & sisters (or their descendants, if any have died). Persons entitled to LoA: person(s) entitled to a share in the estate

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Shared equally between such uncles and aunts (or their descendants, if any have died). Persons entitled to LoA: person(s) entitled to a share in the estate

Spouse gets everything

Everything goes to the Crown

Notes:
1. Children includes adopted and illegitimate children, where intestate died after 4.4.88, but excludes stepchildren
2. Children receive their inheritance on reaching 18, or earlier marriage
3. Descendants share equally the parts that the deceased parents would have taken
4. Where deceased died leaving spouse WITH issue, the statutory legacy is £75,000 (for death between 16.87 - 112.93) and £40,000 (for death between 7.3.81 - 1.6.87)
5. Where deceased died leaving spouse WITHOUT issue, the statutory legacy is £125,000 (for death between 16.87 - 112.93) and £85,000 (for death between 1.3.81 - 1.687)