



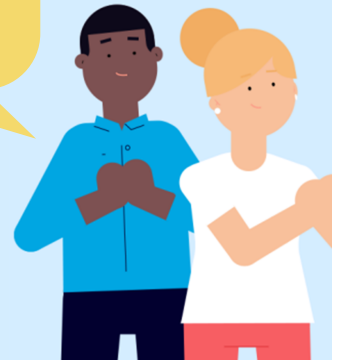
## MODERN FAMILIES

### Who has rights?



If a couple has a **religious-only** ceremony where they are not legally married at the same time, they must have a **civil ceremony** to have the same **legal rights** as married or civil partnered couples. With a religious-only ceremony, each individual has **no automatic rights** to share the other's assets on death or separation. To seek a share an individual may need to go to court.

Many people think that if a couple live together for several years they have the same **legal rights** as married or civil partnered couples. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** These individuals have **no automatic rights** to a share of the other's assets on death or separation. To seek a share an individual may need to go to court.



All couples who are married or in a civil partnership have the same **legal rights**.

For further help and support see:

**Childline**

 <https://www.childline.org.uk>

 0800 1111

**AdviceNow**

 <https://www.advicenow.org.uk>