# How assets pass to your heirs

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# By contract

You name a beneficiary to receive your assets outright upon your death

| Examples                                                                                                                        | Assets go to                                     | How assets are distributed                                     |
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| <ul> <li>Life insurance</li> <li>Pension plans</li> <li>IRAs</li> <li>Annuities</li> <li>"Payable on Death" accounts</li> </ul> | The person (or people) named as your beneficiary | Beneficiary files paperwork with the company holding the asset |



# By probate

Your assets are distributed as instructed in your will or pursuant to state intestate laws if you do not have a will

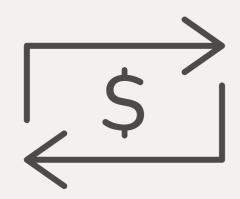
| Examples                                                                                                                                                            | Assets go to                                                                                                                       | How assets are distributed                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <ul> <li>Tangible personal property</li> <li>Solely owned real estate</li> <li>Bank or investment accounts owned by you without a designated beneficiary</li> </ul> | Beneficiaries named in your will or heirs determined by the probate court following state intestate laws if you do not have a will | <ul> <li>Go through probate court to:</li> <li>Prove validity of will or determine heirs</li> <li>Pay off debts</li> <li>File tax returns and pay taxes</li> <li>Appoint an Executor of the estate</li> </ul> |
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## By law

You own assets as "Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship" (JTWROS) jointly with your spouse or other individual. The survivor or "last to die" becomes the new sole owner

| Examples                                                                           | Assets go to              | How assets are distributed                                                                                    |
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| <ul> <li>JTWROS real estate</li> <li>JTWROS bank or investment accounts</li> </ul> | The surviving joint owner | The surviving owner will need to file the death certificate and paperwork to remove the deceased owner's name |



# By terms of trust

You establish a trust and transfer the ownership of assets into the trust. Assets must be transferred to the trust during your lifetime.

| Examples                                                                                                                            | Assets go to                                                                 | How assets are distributed          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <ul> <li>Real Estate</li> <li>Automobiles</li> <li>Business interests</li> <li>Bank or investment accounts</li> <li>Cash</li> </ul> | Beneficiaries named in your trust can be spread out for multiple generations | According to the terms of the trust |

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