



COHABITATION

Your rights when you are living together as
an unmarried couple.



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What is cohabitation?

When two people are living together as an unmarried couple, they are cohabitating.

The legal implications of a relationship breakdown

The law does not recognise any relationship outside marriage or civil partnership, which can have a significant effect on arrangements for children and finances when a relationship breaks down.

Obtaining legal advice at the outset can help a great deal in providing you with information about the options available, including for:

- Housing advice
- Mediation
- Financial arrangements
- Legal representation

Arrangements for children

We can help you to manage your relationship breakdown with the least possible negative impact on the children.

Arrangement for finances

The law doesn't not recognise any relationship outside marriage or civil partnership, regardless of living arrangements or any you share children. This means you may not be entitled to any maintenance payments or share of any assets should you sperate and you have no automatic right to inherit your partner's estate in the event of their death.

Cohabitation Agreements (also known as Living Together Agreements)

Such agreements can include:

- Who owns what and in what proportions
- How any property will be divided and the contents
- How savings and other assets should be divided
- How joint purchases are divided
- How debts are repaid
- How to manage day-to-day finances

Cohabitation Agreements or Living Together Agreements will only be legally valid and upheld by a court if both parties have sought independent legal advice and the documents are drafted and signed correctly.



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Getting started

Our friendly, knowledgeable solicitors are here to provide all the help and advice you need, so for guidance about Cohabitation or Living Together Agreements, call us today on **0808 145 3395**.



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