

Avoiding Family Conflicts After a Death

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No one likes to think about their own mortality, but making a proper estate plan can help to lessen the grief of loved ones left behind. Alternately, without a written estate plan, surviving family members are often saddled with the responsibility of making estate decisions without a clear understanding of the deceased's wishes.

The effects of poor [estate planning](#) [1] can be far-reaching, but perhaps one of the most insidious effects is the conflict that can occur within families as a result. Many individuals believe that their family is too close to squabble over money or "who gets what", but they miss the point. Even families with the best relationships can experience conflict because of poor estate planning.

To help surviving family members move forward with solidarity after a loss, here are some proven tips for reducing the possibility of family blowouts and arguments.

1. **Talk Openly with Your Family.** The biggest problem with leaving your family to finalize your estate is that some of your wishes may not be clear or they may not be understood by all. Discuss your estate planning strategy. **Think About Your Family.** Do not just consider which family members might want specific bequests, take
2. **Consider Insurance and Life Annuities.** Life insurance is a very useful estate planning tool, even for those with large families. Life insurance can provide liquidity for your family to pay estate taxes and other expenses.
3. **Keep Your Will Up to Date.** This should go without saying, but **always keep your will updated** and be sure to consider someone who can keep emotions out of the mix.
4. **Choose a Suitable Executor.** Selecting the right executor is important to fulfill your wishes completely and
5. **Finalize Your Estate Plan.** Don't leave your estate plan to chance. Make sure you have a proper estate plan in place.

Speak to a qualified financial advisor if you have questions or concerns about creating a proper estate plan for either yourself or someone else in your family.

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