

Rhode Island laws of intestacy are as follows:

If you die with:	Here's what happens:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children but no spouse	Children inherit everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spouse but no descendants	Real estate: spouse inherits up to \$75,000 worth of your intestate real estate, plus the right to use the rest of it for life Personal property: spouse inherits \$50,000 worth of intestate personal property, plus 1/2 of the balance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spouse and descendants	Spouse has the right to use your intestate real estate for life and inherits 1/2 of your intestate personal property outright Descendants inherit everything else
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents but no spouse or descendants	Parents inherit everything
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Siblings but no spouse, descendants, or parents	Siblings inherit everything