

Massachusetts laws of intestacy are as follows:

If you die with:	Here's what happens:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse and Children (or the descendants of any pre-deceased child) and... <p>all surviving children are also children of the surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has no surviving children who are not children of the decedent.</p>	<p>Spouse Only</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse and Children (or the descendants of any pre-deceased child) and... <p>not all surviving children of the Decedent are also children of the surviving spouse; OR</p> <p>the surviving spouse also has surviving children who are not children of the Decedent.</p>	<p>Spouse AND decedent's surviving children (and surviving descendants of any pre-deceased child).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse and NO Children 	<p>Spouse ONLY if no surviving parents; <u>OR</u></p> <p>Spouse AND decedent's surviving parent(s)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children (or descendants of any pre-deceased child) and NO Spouse 	<p>Surviving Children ONLY (and surviving descendants of any pre-deceased child).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents, and NO Spouse and NO Children 	<p>Surviving Parent(s) ONLY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siblings (or descendants of any pre-deceased sibling), and NO Spouse, NO Children, and NO Parents 	<p>Surviving Siblings ONLY (and surviving descendants of any pre-deceased sibling).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Taker 	<p>Commonwealth or Soldiers Home (see § 2-105).</p>