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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 all your affairs is that you have no idea what they will do. They may not even have a will, and they may not know what to do with your assets. Talk to your family about your wishes and your estate plan. This is not a one-time conversation; it should be an ongoing process. Your family should know what you want to happen and why.
2. **Consider Jointly Owned Assets.** If you have jointly owned assets, such as a house or a car, make sure that your family knows what to do with them. If you have a jointly owned asset, make sure that your family knows what to do with it. If you have a jointly owned asset, make sure that your family knows what to do with it.
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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.

Questions about Estate Planning?

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