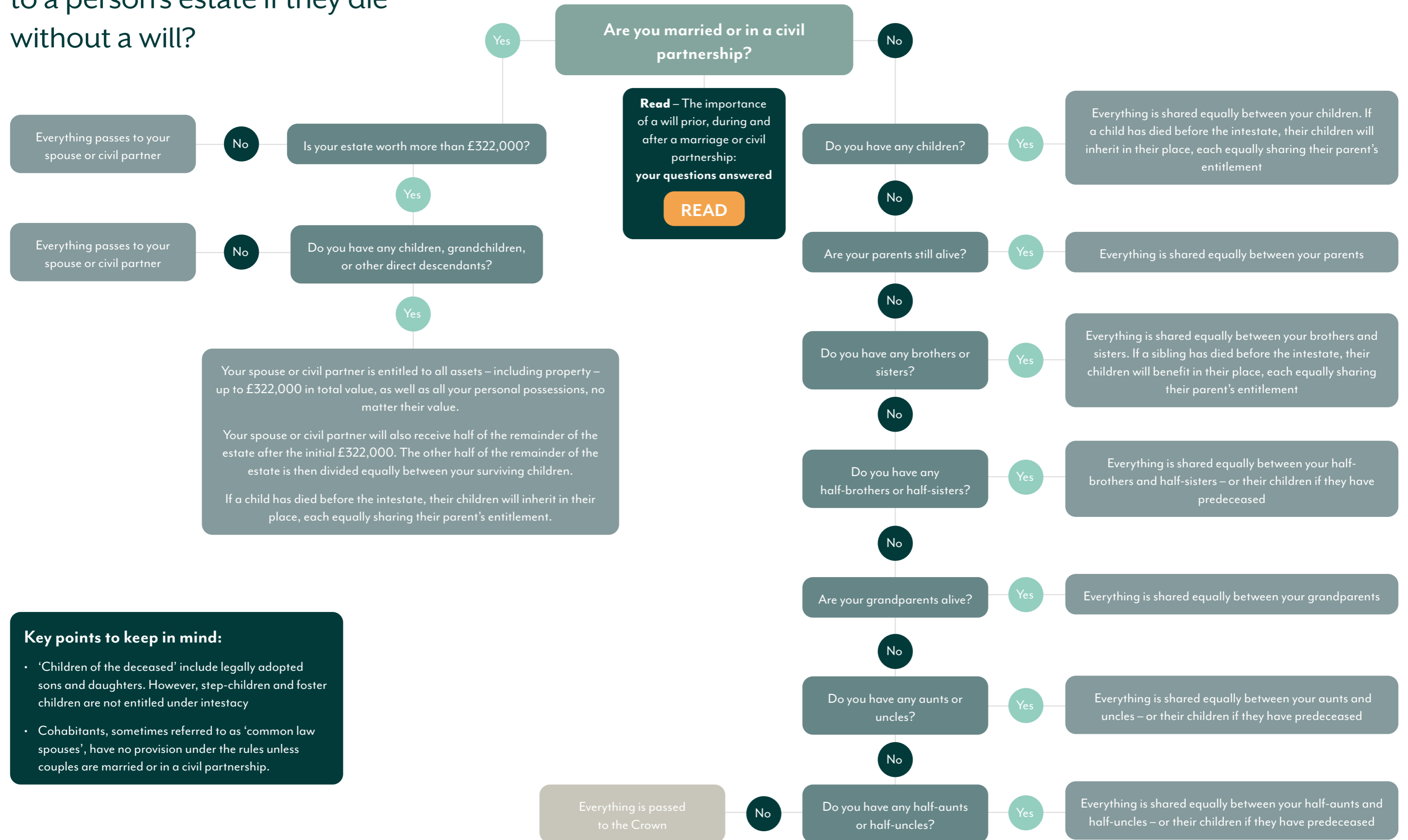


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Key points to keep in mind:

- ‘Children of the deceased’ include legally adopted sons and daughters. However, step-children and foster children are not entitled under intestacy
- Cohabitants, sometimes referred to as ‘common law spouses’, have no provision under the rules unless couples are married or in a civil partnership.