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## Avoiding Family Conflicts After a Death

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 family members will not have a clear understanding of your wishes and estate planning strategy. Make an appointment to sit down with your family and discuss your wishes and estate planning strategy. This is a good idea for everyone to know what to expect and how to handle the situation.
2. **Make Your Wishes Clear.** Do not just consider who you want to inherit your money and property. Consider the possibility of what happens if you die before you are able to pass on your assets. Make sure your wishes are clear and that you have a way to pass on your assets if you die before you are able to pass on your assets.
3. **Consider Insurance.** Life insurance is a very useful estate planning tool, even for those with large families. Life insurance can help to provide for your family in the event of your death, and it can also help to cover the costs of your funeral and other expenses. Make sure you have a life insurance policy in place and that you have a way to pass on your assets if you die before you are able to pass on your assets.
4. **Keep Your Wishes Private.** This is a good idea for everyone to know what to expect and how to handle the situation. Do not tell everyone what you want to do with your money and property. This can lead to family conflicts and arguments. Keep your wishes private and only tell the people you want to know.
5. **Finally, Choose a Suitable Executor.** Choosing the right executor is a very important part of estate planning. You want to choose someone who is trustworthy and who can handle the responsibility of managing your estate. Make sure you have a way to pass on your assets if you die before you are able to pass on your assets.

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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