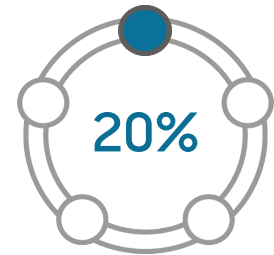


COHABITING



Cohabiting couples are the fastest growing type of family in the UK

Cohabiting couples represent around **1 in every 5** families in the UK



1 in 2 cohabiting families have dependent children

1.25 million families

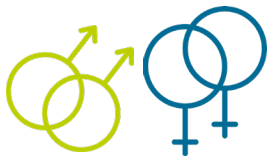


1996

The number of children living with cohabiting couples has more than doubled from **7%** in 1996 to **15%** in 2017



2017



In 2015 there were **90,000** same sex cohabiting couple families in the UK

It is estimated that a majority of young men and woman of marriageable age today will spend some time in a cohabiting relationship



In 2017 there were **19 million** families in the UK - an increase of **15%** from **16.6 million** in 1996

Only 1 in 3

cohabiting couples know there's no such thing as common law marriage



Cohabiting couples

DO NOT have the same rights as married couples



If one member of a cohabiting couple dies without making a will, their partner may not automatically receive a share of the estate

WAYS COHABITING COUPLES CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES:



Enter into a Deed of Trust



Enter into a Cohabitation Agreement



Ensure you both have valid wills



Consider the children of the relationship

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