

# 5 PROVEN WAYS TO PREVENT INHERITANCE FIGHTS

Protect your family and your legacy.

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**01.**

## **Create (or update) a clear Will or Revocable Living Trust**

- Spell out exactly who gets what
- Name a neutral executor or trustee
- Update after every major life event (marriage, divorce, birth, death)

**02.**

## **Explain “Fair” vs. “Equal” in writing**

- Attach a non-binding “Letter of Intent” to your will/trust explaining unequal shares
- Reduces hurt feelings and will contests

**03.**

## **Use trusts for special situations**

- Special-needs trusts
- Spendthrift trusts for financially irresponsible heirs
- Lifetime (QTIP) trusts for blended families

**04.**

## **Hold a calm family meeting (while you’re still healthy)**

- Discuss your plan openly
- Let adult children ask questions
- Prevents shock and resentment later

**05.**

## **Choose the right professionals early**

- Work with an experienced Ohio estate-planning attorney
- Consider a corporate or attorney executor for large or complicated estates
- Review and update your plan every 3–5 years

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