



Hi Howard,

In the unfortunate event of a common disaster, it can be challenging to determine who gets your property. This is especially true if multiple individuals are involved in jointly held property. However, it is important to understand the laws and guidelines surrounding property distribution in these circumstances to ensure that everything is handled fairly and legally.

In Ontario, failing a properly drawn Will, Part IV of the Succession Law Reform Act Section 55(1) governs the distribution of one's property in the circumstances of a common disaster and reads:

Where two or more persons die at the same time or in circumstances rendering it

uncertain which of them survived the other or others, the property of each person, or any property of which he or she is competent to dispose, shall be disposed of as if he or she had survived the other or others.

From drawing your Will, with the appropriate 30-day clause which wholly resolves this otherwise very expensive problem or advising you after the fact as to survivorship rights, I can provide you with the advice you need to navigate this complex process with confidence.

I invite you to [set up a Zoom](#) appointment with me to discuss your Estate Planning and drawing your Will and Powers of Attorney.

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