(UN) HAPPY families
Few couples think about legal rules and rights when they start a relationship, but if the relationship comes to an end, the way you played The Game of Love makes a difference.

Do you have to share your property? Do you have a claim on your partner’s pension? Who gets to stay in the family home? Your legal rights will depend on whether you were married or living together as cohabitants.

If you were married, you have ‘played safe’: the legal rules are clear. For most couples divorce will mean sharing the matrimonial property 50/50. The outcomes will be fairly similar.

If you were cohabiting, you have ‘taken a chance’: the legal position is much less clear. Many people think that you have the same rights as married couples after you’ve lived together for long enough, but that is not true. Cohabitants face uncertain outcomes – there are more winners and losers.

We are researching into all of these issues.

You can read more about our work at:

https://cohabitationhub.wordpress.com


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