

Cohabitation Agreements: Understanding Legal Protections for Unmarried Couples

RENO, NV, UNITED STATES, May 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Love may be in the air, but fewer and fewer people seem to be taking the big leap into marriage. Census data shows that in 2024 just 47.1% of households

consisted of married couples. This is the second-lowest percentage, after 2022, which showed an all-time low of only 46.8% of households consisting of married couples.



People often don't know they can protect themselves financially while living together in a non-married relationship, in ways that are similar to a prenuptial agreement for married couples. A [cohabitation agreement](#) functions like a prenuptial agreement, but is designed for couples who are not getting married or do not plan to, but still want to be prepared for possible separation. This kind of document can also benefit people who live together for non-romantic reasons, such as elder care or simply friendship-based cohabitation.

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Agreements such as these are not just for the wealthy. They are for anyone who wants to prepare financially and legally when they enter a cohabitation relationship.”

Ken LaMance, LegalMatch's General Counsel.

Below are some common reasons to enter into a cohabitation agreement:

- Distribution of property after a breakup or parting-of-ways
- Ownership of joint bank accounts or other domestic assets
- Payment of debts during and after the cohabitation
- Child custody and child support
- Healthcare decision-making power

Non-married couples who live together and are interested in being prepared for a range of potential futures are urged to seek legal counsel and have a cohabitation agreement drawn up. Online resources like LegalMatch.com, the first-ever attorney-client matching platform, make it easy to get matched for free with a [prenup attorney](#). LegalMatch also has an extensive [online Law Library](#) with educational documents on a variety of legal topics to provide guidance on different legal scenarios, the kind attorney one might need, and how to move forward when

facing a legal challenge.

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