



# UNMARRIED COUPLES

- what you need to think of -

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## HEALTH CARE PROXY ("VORSORGEAUFTRAG")

Authorizes partner to act as personal, financial and legal representative in case you lose power of judgement due to sickness or accident.

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## LIVING WILL ("PATIENTENVERFÜGUNG")

States your will in terms of medical treatment in case you lose power of judgement. Partner can be authorized to enforce the living will and act as representative.

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## CUSTODY CHILDREN

There is only a legal connection to the child's mother. The father needs to acknowledge his child in order to implement joint custody.

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## JOINT ASSETS

What happens to jointly owned assets such as bank accounts, real estate properties, cars etc.? A cohabitation agreement provides clarity.

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## INHERITANCE

The unmarried partner is not legally benefited in case of death. With living children and parents, your partner may get into serious financial issues in the event of death.

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