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Located in Atlanta, Georgia, Trace Brooks Law is committed to delivering high-quality estate planning services. Established by Trace Brooks, our firm is dedicated to asset protection and seamless generational transitions. We prioritize crafting personalized legal approaches that ensure our clients feel secure about their and their families' futures.

What happens if I don't make an estate plan? Will the government handle it?

Yes, the government does step in if you don't have an estate plan, but it's probably not in the way you'd prefer. This default process is called "Intestate Probate." Under this system, the government takes over the management of your estate, which includes everything from paying your bills to allocating your assets, and this all happens under court supervision and in public view. If you don't have a plan, you miss the chance to keep these matters private and straightforward, potentially leaving your family to deal with a long and public court process.

What will happen to my children if I can't care for them?

If you pass away without clear directions for the care of your minor children, the court will decide who will care for them. To avoid this, it's important to appoint a guardian in your will. You can also create a trust to provide financial support for their education and living expenses until they are old enough to handle their affairs. This way, you have control over who looks after both their upbringing and their financial welfare.

What legal steps should I consider if my partner and I are unmarried and one of us becomes incapacitated?

For those who are unmarried, it's important to prepare certain legal documents like a power of attorney and health care directives. These documents allow you to make decisions on behalf of your partner if they can't do so themselves. Without these documents, you might not have the legal right to make critical health or financial decisions, because unmarried partners are not automatically recognized as family. Preparing these documents ahead of time helps avoid complications during already difficult times.

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