

Do I need a French Will?

It is important that all UK nationals, whether resident in France or the UK, understand how French law will apply to their property and other assets in France as these will be subject to French inheritance law in the event of their death or the death of their spouse or a joint owner.

Many British owners do not seek personalised advice when purchasing property in France, and so may not be aware of specific estate planning which could ultimately give greater security and protection to the surviving partner or spouse.



If you own a French property, whether you are habitually resident in France, the UK, or elsewhere, then under current legislation, French succession law will govern what happens to that property on your death. The importance of taking specialist legal advice as to how this affects your particular circumstances must not be underestimated.

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