Has a loved one passed and your family home is still in their name?

You may still have the right to keep it.



What is Heirs' Property?

When someone dies without a will, the home may be in the family. **But the family members must be added to the legal papers, called the deed or title.** This kind of unclear ownership is called **heirs' property** or **tangled title**.

Without the right name on the deed, it can be hard to:

- Get repairs or city help
- Get property tax benefits
- Sell the home or take out a mortgage loan
- Stop scammers from trying to steal it

We can help you prove you own the home and get your name on the papers — for free.

What We Can Help With

- Showing the court you inherited the home
- Adding your name to the deed
- Finding and fixing paperwork or ownership records
- Getting property tax discounts and other benefits
- Applying for affordable loans to make repairs and pay property debts

Free and Trusted Legal Help

You don't have to figure it out alone.

We'll connect you to a trusted legal service provider — and if you qualify, the help is **free**.

Take the first step today and protect your family home.

Call the Homeowner Hub at **(646) 786-0888** and ask about heirs' property.
Or visit **HomeownerHelpNY.org/GetHelp**

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A real story about how we can help.

Ms. Jones* is a senior who lives in the Bronx. She lives in the home her mother owned with her mother's partner. Both her mother and the partner passed away, and the house was still in their names.

Because Ms. Jones' name wasn't on the deed, she couldn't get the property tax discount for seniors, which would have cut her tax bill in half. She also fell behind on her property taxes and water bills. But she couldn't get a payment plan because her name wasn't on the deed.

Then things got worse. A scammer found a relative of the partner and tricked her into selling her share of the home for very little money.

Ms. Jones came to our network of free legal service lawyers and got the help she needed. She got a 0% interest loan with no monthly payments to pay off the taxes and water bills. She also used part of the loan to buy back the share that the scammer had taken.

The trusted lawyer helped her put the home in her name by preparing a new deed. Now that Ms. Jones is the legal owner in the land records, she can get the senior tax discount, get city home repair loans, and keep her home safe to pass down to her own children.

*Ms. Jones is a fake name to protect the identity of this homeowner.

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