

# Cohabitation Contracts

When a couple lives together in a marriage-like relationship but is not legally married, they also have certain legal rights. Much like a marriage contract, a cohabitation agreement, also known as a Domestic Contract, can determine potential property division, spousal support and other issues that may arise at the end of a cohabiting relationship, or set out expectations for during the cohabitation (such as how living expenses are split between the couple). Cohabitation agreements can transition to a marriage contract if the couple decides to marry at a later time.

To ensure that your rights are protected, it is important that agreements and contracts be properly drafted, as the law is very specific as to what constitutes a valid contract. It is essential that both parties to a cohabitation agreement obtain independent legal advice, or the agreement risks being invalidated.

## Contact Us

The family law group at McKenzie Lake will work with you to draft an agreement fits your unique circumstances and goals. Contact a member of our team by [email](#) or by telephone at [\(519\) 672-5666](#) or [Get Started Online](#). If corresponding by email, be sure to include your name and telephone number.

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