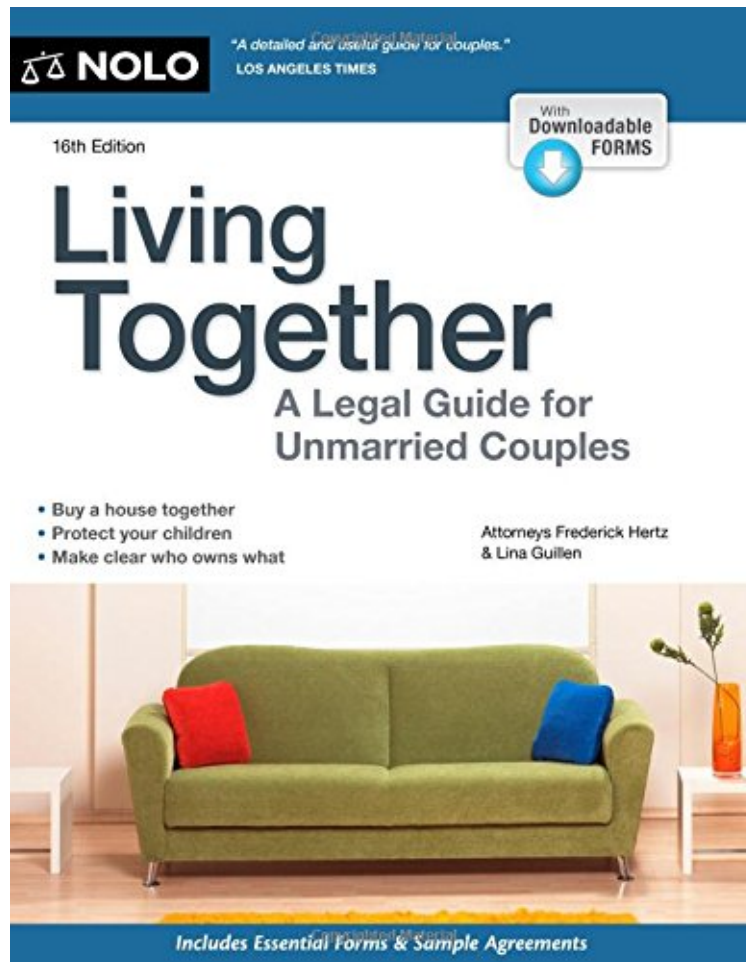


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. NOLO Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples Living Together By Gaby at Starting Fresh blog I have relied on NOLO Legal Guides for a wide range of topics, usually related to Real Estate Management, Taxes, Estate Planning, and issues affecting small businesses. This Living Together Legal Guide addresses the practical problems that arise when a couple lives together unmarried and is sensitive to the issues that affect same sex couples and seniors. Special rules governing married couples, such as those relating to property ownership, divorce and inheritance rights, do not apply to unmarried couples. It is important to be aware of the ways that both parties can address this gap as it affects financial issues, parenting issues, estate planning, Medicaid planning, etc. This NOLO guide goes over the different aspects sufficiently to alert one to the issues that arise. It helps give the

background and point one to the relevant laws or areas that can be researched or discussed together with or without a lawyer. While some of the information might be widely known, it is helpful in that it presents everything in a structured way with clear examples. It delivers helpful, practical advice without dumbing it down or without touching most important issues. Aside from the advice that it contains, it also offers sample legal agreements and forms downloadable from its website (please consult a lawyer to make sure that the requirements and specifics of state law are complied with) such as but not limited to: Sample Parenting Agreement, Agreement of Joint Intent Not to Have a Common Law Marriage; Agreement to Keep Property Separate; Agreement to Share Property; Agreement for Joint Purchase; Agreement Covering Rented Living Space; Letter Requesting Permission to Add a Roommate; Contract for Equal Ownership of a House; Promissory Note; Contract for Unequal Ownership of a House; Agreement for One Person to Move Into the Other's House and Become an Immediate Co-Owner; Agreement for One Person to Move Into the Other's House and Become a Co-Owner Gradually; Acknowledgement of Parenthood; Short-Term Agreement Regarding Separation and Housing; Agreement to Protect Property During a Breakup; Agreement to Mediate and Arbitrate; Home Buyout Agreement.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Every NOLO guide has been top notch so far. By Nancy Yet another great NOLO book. Tells of the pitfalls and risks of living together as an adult person, where almost no law exists to protect you. Most young couples think of romance only when they choose this lifestyle, but if you own anything, furniture, housewares, you need to be careful. There is very good advice about making a list of who owns what, etc. Most couple are not going to a lawyer to draw up an agreement in advance if they separate, it just doesn't work that way. At the start, you think you'll end up married. No one goes into this with that bleak of an attitude. Two things. It really stays off the subject of moving into HIS place. If you aren't on the lease, be prepared. Should he get into a catastrophic accident, or die, you will be lucky to get out with 1/2 of your belongings. And I mean within weeks. Maybe days. Depending on the situation and the landlord, and/or his relatives. (you are NOT related if you aren't married) Also does not mention in the older persons section: REVERSE MORTGAGES. The rule I finally went and looked up is: If you want to reverse mortgage and you are considering marriage, you better get married first. If you aren't, and then you die, he "gets" to pay the balance due or leave. But every NOLO book I've read offers great advice to keep you out of the "how did this happen to me?" grey areas of life. If you are facing foreclosure, the NOLO book is an immense help, and the disability guide got a PASS on the first application. Great stuff.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Required reading for unmarried couples... By Fan This is a great resource for any couple living together (or thinking about it) in lieu of marriage. When most people think of unmarried couples living together, they think of 20- and 30-somethings giving marriage a test drive. But at the other end of the spectrum are older couples and seniors, some with significant assets, who may choose to remain unmarried for estate purposes. This book also addresses that sometimes forgotten demographic. Whether through a break up, sickness or sudden death, there are myriad of legal issues to navigate. As difficult as it may be to confront, it's better to do it now. This legal guide is clearly and concisely written and chapters not relevant to your particular situation are easily skipped. Laws across the country are pretty clear when it comes to married couples but not so if you choose to remain single. It really should be required reading for any unmarried couple.

All the law cohabiting couples need to know Laws that protect married couples on property ownership, divorce, inheritance rights, and more don't apply to unmarried couples. To define and protect your relationship and your assets you need to take specific legal steps and use the right documents. Whether you're just starting out or are one of the growing number of older couples who choose to live together, this revised edition has the information you need. It covers all the big issues facing unmarried couples living together, including: Money and Property Clarify how you'll share money and other assets. Estate Planning Leave your assets to whomever you wish, including children from a prior marriage. Breaking Up Divide property and share child custody fairly. Children Protect your kids by confirming that you are their legal parents. The House If you buy a house together, spell out ownership shares in writing. Medical Decisions Make important medical decisions for each other if necessary.

"This guide helps unmarried couples prepare a property agreement, and clarifies the laws governing debt, public benefits, lease, home mortgages, adopting a child, wills and separation..." Reference Research Book News "Provides lots of practical advice and also includes information about various state laws relating to unmarried couples." Washington Post "Citing reports that the number of unmarried couples living together continues to climb, Hertz and Guillen offer plain-language advice on how the law impacts various aspects of such a couple's life. Their topics include the legal status of living together, living together agreements: why and how they work, buying a house together, you and your ex-spouse and children from a prior relationship, and moving on: when unmarried couples separate. They do not address special problems that same-sex couples may face." Eithne O'Leyne, Editor, Ringgold, Inc., ProtoView About the Author Frederick Hertz is a practicing attorney-mediator and the author of other Nolo books including, A Legal Guide for Lesbian Gay Couples and Making It Legal: A Guide to Same-Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnership Civil Unions. You can visit Frederick's website at <http://www.frederickhertz.com>. Lina Guillen is a trial attorney, with over 15 years of experience in a wide range of legal matters, including family law and civil litigation.

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