

# Florida Common Law Marriage

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Florida has not recognized Common Law Marriage since 1968. In 1960, only 460,000 couples identified themselves as living together without marriage, according to [CBS News](#). In 2007, [USA Today](#) reported that 6.4 million people were living as a couple out of wedlock.

In Florida, if you are living with your significant other and share a house payment, vehicles and debt, then there are options for you. The best thing to do is speak with a [lawyer](#) about protecting yourself from what could be a disaster if things do not end-up happily ever after.

If you previously lived in a state that recognizes Common Law Marriage, of which there are only 11, then Florida still recognizes your status as "married." However, for those of you entering into a "moving in together" portion of your relationship, be certain to speak with someone about protecting yourself and your partner from future disaster. None of us want to think the worse of our partners, but at least if a marriage does not work you have the law to protect you from all debt falling on you. Until the State of Florida decides this is a growing matter that needs to be addressed, options are the key to your future success and your present comfort.