

Property Owned Before Marriage

Property owned before marriage is usually considered non-matrimonial, but there are important exceptions. Here's the key information at a glance.



IT'S USUALLY YOURS



If you owned property before marriage, it generally remains your separate property, even after you get married. Keep evidence of when you bought the property.

THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS



COMMINGLING

If you both contribute to the property (e.g. using joint funds or renovations), it could be seen as a joint property.



LONG-TERM COHABITION

The longer you live together, the greater chance a court may consider it a shared asset in the event of a split.



A PRENUP CAN HELP

A prenuptial agreement can set out what happens to your assets, offering clarity and protection.

Get the right advice



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