Property Titles: Tenancy in the Entirety

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When married people purchase a [property](http://./en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Property), they may choose to title it as tenants in the entirety. This title option can only be taken by a married couple or by registered same-sex couples (in certain states), and it provides for one spouse or partner to assume full ownership of the property automatically if the other passes away. In many states, tenants in the entirety has been done away with and couples are expected to take title to their property as joint tenants with right of survivorship. In others, any time a married couple purchases a property together, they are assumed to be tenants in the entirety.

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