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ASK THE EXPERTS: Get your daughter to sign a post-nup

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J.W.writes: *My wife and I are thinking of putting our bungalow in the names of our two daughters. One of them is married. If the relationship has problems in the future, would her husband have any claim over our home?*

Fiona Sharp replies: If your daughter divorces, her husband could be entitled to his share of the asset. This follows high-profile court cases and recent changes in legislation.

However, your married daughter could protect the property against her husband's potential claim.

They would both have to sign a postnuptial agreement, which courts now consider a viable action.

Your unmarried daughter could effect a prenuptial agreement along the same lines if she chose to marry in future.

The alternative would be to investigate establishing a family trust for the property, with associated legal costs.

Trusts can still be varied over time - however this would be better than taking no action at all.

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