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What happens when one of you dies? (the couple)

The **RSP/RIF** account passes without tax to the surviving spouse as a named beneficiary.

The **TFSA** account passes to the surviving spouse as a named beneficiary.

The **taxable margin account(s)** becomes that of the survivor without tax consequence because it is 'joint with right of survivorship'.

What happens when the sole survivor dies? (sole survivor or single person)

Everything is deemed to have been sold for tax purposes at the date of passing.

The **RSP/RIF** account value becomes taxable as income on the final tax return. It can have a named beneficiary and bypass the estate or become part of it.

The **TFSA** account is tax-free. It can have a named beneficiary and bypass the estate or become part of it.

The **taxable margin account(s)**. All income, dividends, capital gains are taxable and go to final tax return.

Usually, the executor, my office, a lawyer and an accountant work to settle the estate.

Currently in B.C. getting probate usually takes 4+ months.

Probate, approximately 1.4% (BC) is payable on the value of the estate above \$50,000.

Taxes will be paid. (Any income, dividends, capital gains)

The Executor of your estate will distribute the benefit of the estate to named beneficiaries in accordance with the will.

My office will seek to meet with beneficiaries to discuss a concept, "The Financial Butler"

What about life insurance investments?

Life Insurance Products bypass the estate (and probate) when there exists a named beneficiary. Life contracts are private contracts where your estate is a public event.

Segregated Fund death benefits can pay direct to named beneficiaries or the estate.

Life Insurance Policies pay direct from the issuer to named beneficiaries once we have provided proof of death (The Death Certificate).

Power of Attorney (POA) and Executor?

Often confused, **an enduring POA** can act on your behalf while you are alive but unable to do so yourself. The POA must act in your best interest. The duties of the POA end with your death.

The Executor takes over once you have died. The Executor's job is to basically carry out the wishes of your will and eventually distribute the estate per your instructions.

I have prepared this commentary to give you my thoughts on various investment alternatives and considerations which may be relevant to your portfolio. ***This commentary reflects my opinions alone, and may not reflect the views of National Bank Financial Group.*** In expressing these opinions, I bring my best judgment and professional experience from the perspective of someone who surveys a broad range of investments. Therefore, this report should be viewed as a reflection of my informed opinions rather than analyses produced by the Research Department of National Bank Financial.

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