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Stuart Law has been practicing Family Law for twenty years acting for children as well as spouses. He deals with all issues arising from the break-down of a marriage including child support, spousal support and equalization. He is a parent himself, a partner at SimpsonWigle LAW and an avid hiker.

Q I am marrying my ne'er-do-well boyfriend this summer. We are going to live in my house afterwards. What will happen to my house if we separate in the future?

A Well, assuming you are still living in it at the time you separate, you would get to keep title to your house, but you would have to pay your boyfriend half the value of it from the date you purchased it.

This is a very scary thought. Usually married spouses only have to share increases in their net worth that have accumulated since the date of their marriage. This "matrimonial home" exception often shocks the unwary because there is no date of marriage deduction available to safeguard the equity you have built up in your home before you get married.

The solution: See a lawyer and enter into a marriage contract well in advance of your wedding date.



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