



Parental Responsibility Flowchart – England & Wales

This flowchart highlights situations where a father may not have automatic parental responsibility if his unmarried partner dies. In these cases, you might want to advise that the mother grants parental rights to the father in case anything happens to her.

The chart assumes that the parent has not legally lost parental responsibility and doesn't give details of parental responsibility rights for carers.

Parental Responsibility means all rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and their property. (Section 3(1) of Children Act 1989)

