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Matthew Crider formed [Crider Law PC](#) in 1999 so he could help individuals and business owners by providing creative solutions and be their trusted advisor and legal counselor. He serves his clients by listening closely to their goals, dreams and concerns and working with them to develop superior and comprehensive estate and asset protection plans. His estate planning practice focuses on preserving and growing wealth by providing comprehensive, highly personalized estate planning counsel to couples, families, individuals and businesses.

Things women should know about estate planning

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Although men usually spend more time worrying about estate planning, the truth is that it is actually more important for women.

That's because estate planning affects women more profoundly because they live longer.

So since women generally outlive their spouses, they usually have the last word about where the family's wealth is ultimately going to go.

As a result, women ought to be up to date on estate planning and its intricacies, according to a recent article in Forbes magazine. And they should talk about it with their spouses, children and parents before it is too late -- and to avoid fights, hostility or hurt feelings.

Some tips for women:

- 1) Talk about the subject with your husband before he dies. Find a gentle way to start the conversation.
- 2) Talk about the subject with your children so you can hear their views on the subject. What they want may surprise you. No, you don't have to agree to all their wishes, but it is important to know what they think.
- 3) If you have an older parent, talk about their estate planning, particularly if they are starting to have memory issues. Again, find a gentle way to start the conversation. It is important they make their estate plan out before they become incompetent.