Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate and Grandpa’s Watch?

Date of Program: _______________  Group Name: ___________________________

Number of participants: _______________

“Attention” Getter
- Bring along a personal item for “show and tell” and explain the special meaning this item has to you.
- Ask audience to share an item they have received from someone who had passed away and the special meaning he/she attaches to it.
- If you don’t receive responses ask the question, “What item do you have that has sentimental value to you?”

Talking Points
- Sentimental value often may be more important than the financial or dollar value of the item.
- Montana law provides for a separate listing of tangible personal property.
- The list is not part of the will but separate from it.
- List must identify both the items and the persons to receive them.
- List can be either in handwriting of the owner or signed by the owner.
- List can be changed as new possessions are added.
- List should be dated and signed each time a change is made, or a new list can be made each time changes occur.

Discussion
- Ask audience for examples of other ways that personal property has been distributed to heirs.

Handout for Participants
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Evaluation Quickie (calculate percentages after the meeting and place on form)
- How many of you plan to write a separate listing of personal property as a result of this session?
  Number_________________Percent___________________