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**IN GAY LIFE...
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN**



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**Fiscal Protection for
alternative couples and
lifestyles**

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Welcome...

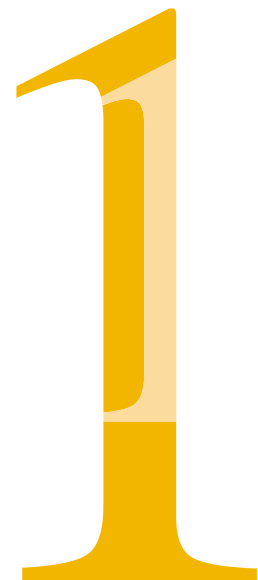
Gay life has never been easy and preparing for the unexpected is one of the hardest aspects. We are freer, more accepted and in certain countries we can even get married but in many areas of the law we still remain as exposed as ever. Sovereign Alternative has been created exclusively to assist alternative lifestyle individuals or couples. We advise gay customers on how the careful use of trust and company structures can shield you from many of the adverse elements – especially from the tax man – in what is basically a straight man's world...!!!

Who are we...?

Sovereign Alternative is part of The Sovereign Group – one of the largest privately owned trust and company formation organisations in the offshore world with offices in 23 jurisdictions. The Sovereign Alternative consultancy team is exclusively gay and enjoys the support of some of the world's leading experts in trust and company formation and international and offshore fiscal planning. Sovereign has been a leader in its field since 1987 giving advice to thousands of clients all over the world.

Why are we different...?

Sovereign Alternative exclusively employs gay consultants but they enjoy the full legal and fiscal resources of The Sovereign Group organisations. Hence, you can relax and talk more openly about your personal life and know that the professional will fully understand the complexities of your situation. We focus on issues that directly affect alternative lifestyles and to that end we have undertaken exhaustive research to ensure that all the different legal nuances on gay life in the different countries are understood. So wherever you come from, we will have an up-to-date profile on your legal and fiscal rights and obligations. We will then prescribe the best solutions for you whatever your situation.



Why are you unprotected...?

Firstly, recognition and protection of gay persons differs hugely from country to country. Some countries have forced family inheritance laws which can leave a gay partner out in the cold. Other countries do not recognise gay couples as being eligible for joint tax declarations, resulting in penal rates of tax being applied. Some jurisdictions impose the highest inheritance tax rates on the estate of a deceased gay person who is treated as "unrelated" to his/her partner, this can be especially painful when it comes to the handing over of their primary residence. There are also very few laws to protect each individual within a gay relationship such as property rights, alimony issues and indeed protection from avaricious gay partners.

Where are you unprotected...?

Joint tax declarations

Inheritance tax

Individual partner protection against family disputes

Gay marriage and divorce

Fiscal protection against partner claim

Joint business ventures

Second passports



How can we help...?

A carefully structured trust or company can protect against unwanted and unpleasant claims against either yourself or your partner. Wherever there is a legal way to help you avoid paying unnecessary taxes or facing unfair third party claims, we have the solution. As we are experts in the field of alternative lifestyles, we have the complete knowledge to cover any eventuality in any jurisdiction. You will find it easy to talk to us.

Maximising joint tax benefits

Company formation can be the most simple and effective tax saving scheme for gay couples. In certain countries, gay couples must pay the full rate of income tax as independent individuals.

This can amount to considerable sums of money on an annual basis and can be easily remedied for relatively modest cost.

Partner protection against inheritance tax and family claims

The creation of a trust or offshore company can ensure that partners inherit an estate without paying crippling inheritance taxes. It also ensures that your partner will be able to benefit from your estate in jurisdictions that have forced heirship legislation.



Gay marriage and divorce

Certain countries now officially recognise gay marriage. This brings with it a legal minefield that needs to be carefully navigated prior to making any decision. However, whether the relationship with your partner has full legal status or simply remains casual, we can help ensure that your assets remain protected (whether from your partner or indeed for his future benefit!).

The risk of break up exists in any relationship and when it happens it can be painful both emotionally and financially. In any separation or divorce situation issues inevitably arise over the division of assets, maintenance and rights of habitation. Should you be planning to separate from your partner but have concerns about the financial consequences, Sovereign Alternative can help and guide you on how to minimise the financial pain that this might entail. Even better, if you are contemplating settling down in a steady relationship and possibly purchasing jointly owned property, speak to Sovereign Alternative in advance. Even if there are financial imbalances within your relationship we can suggest methods of financial protection and help you find a fair financial solution in case of a break up.



Gay Partnerships

Some people would prefer to opt for a gay partnership without marriage. However, the break up of these relationships can leave partners vulnerable. The key dispute is often with the principal residence, where the title deed might be in one partner's name even though the other has paid the mortgage or the entire refurbishment costs. Some partners are together as a homemaker for 20 years and can then be left with nothing after the break up. Some couples are concerned about the financial imbalances within their relationship and need to seek methods of financial protection or indeed just a fair financial solution in case of a break up. We can advise on solutions to these problems.

Joint business ventures within a gay relationship

It is often tempting for gay couples to set up a business together. Many are often approached by their younger partners to invest their capital into a joint project. This can often lead to problems should either the business or the relationship fail. We can help you ensure that you are adequately protected.

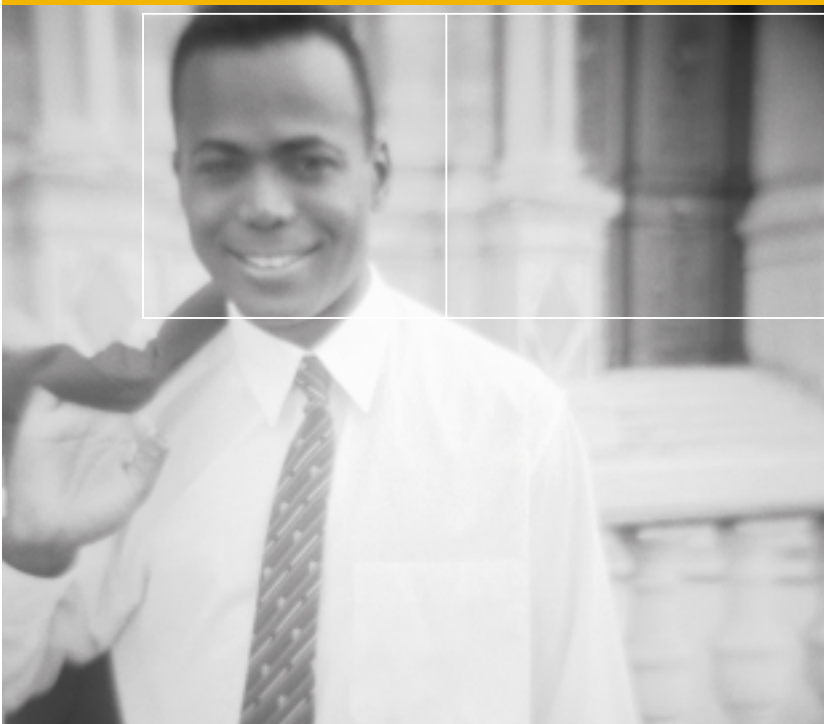


Immigration Citizenship and residency

Gays are known for their international nature. No other sector of the community travels quite as much as the gay community. This often leads to relationships being formed with partners that cannot be continued due to immigration laws and the inability of the partner to travel on their current documentation. We can assist you to obtain extended residency or help you to obtain an immediate citizenship (and passport) which allows easier travel and residency.

Finally...

Remember in gay life... Anything can happen!!! Be safe!!



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