t receive survivors'

benefits when a partner dies, even though they pay for them equally.

3.No Disability Benefits: Same-sex partners are not eligible for

spouse's benefits when a partner becomes disabled, even though they pay equally into the program.

4.Children Are Left Unprotected: Sixty percent of children being

raised by same-sex couples live in a jurisdiction where second-parent adoption is unavailable, meaning that these children cannot secure a recognized legal relationship with one of their parents. When a parent dies without such a legal relationship, the surviving child is not eligible for surviving child benefits under Social Security, even