

SEPARATION CHECKLIST: THINGS TO CONSIDER



Thinking of separating from your partner or are you already separated? To protect yourself and your family, there are lots of things you need to consider.

You will have some difficult decisions to make during your separation. In order for you to ensure you have the proper assistance during this time, it is crucial that you seek legal advice as early as possible. Seeking legal advice early is your first step to a well negotiated and friendly settlement being reached.

To make sure you don't miss anything, we've prepared a checklist of items you will need to address. The checklist below outlines some key areas to cover while planning and negotiating your settlement.

CHILDREN (IF APPLICABLE)

- Who will care for the children?
- Will the non-primary carer have regular time with the children?
- Who will pay child support?
- How much Child Support will be paid, at what intervals?
- Should the non-primary carer be allowed to attend important events for the child?
- Have you considered the grandparents role?

FINANCIAL

- How will you handle your current debts?
- How will you share assets such as stocks, bonds or business interests?
- How will you share the money in your joint bank accounts?
- Will you continue to file joint income-tax returns?
- Will one of you be paying spousal maintenance to the other?
- What about the joint credit cards?

HOME PROPERTY & ASSETS

- Who will remain in the home?
- Who will cover house-related expenses like your mortgage and utilities?
- Who will keep big ticket items? Car, boat, washing machine, etc.
- Will the other party have access to the home?
- Who will care for a shared pet?

LEGAL

- Who will pay for legal fees?
- Will each of you be responsible for retaining and paying your own Lawyer?
- Do you need to lodge any official protection orders?.
- Do you believe there is a chance of reaching agreement or will it have to go to court?
- How will you divide joint insurance policies?

My number one priority is: _____

**WHERE
TO NEXT?**

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