

SEPARATION JOURNEY PATHWAY MAP



STEP 1

Separation

Inform each other of your intention to separate – diarise the date

Talk to your friends and family when ready

Factsheet: [Separation Checklist](#)

STEP 2

Seek Support

Allow yourself time to grieve and seek support if needed

Counselling - [Interrelate](#)

Psychological support - [I relate. Health](#)

Legal support – get advice early to help you prepare so that you are on the right track

[Discovery Call](#)

[Initial Consultation](#)

STEP 3

Make Arrangements

How do we deal with our assets together?

Factsheet: [Understanding Property Settlement](#)

What about the kids and living arrangements?

Factsheet: [Parenting Post Separation](#)

What about money day to day?

Factsheet: [Understanding Child Support](#)

Website: [Services Australia](#)

STEP 4

Agreements

Legally document your agreement to avoid disputes in future

- Ask your solicitor for consent orders issued by the Court – this is the most secure and enforceable document.
- Ask your solicitor about other options such as a legally binding private agreement.

Parenting arrangements

- Make a flexible Parenting Plan that you can change later especially for younger kids – get help if you are unsure.
- Ask your solicitor for consent orders so it is legally enforceable.

Property settlement

- Legally document your agreement first before taking steps to complete settlement otherwise either of you can make further claims in future or change your mind.

Taxation issues

- Get financial advice about any potential consequences and superannuation.
- Ask about formal documents to arrange any joint financial arrangements.

STEP 5

Need help

Start a formal Dispute Resolution process to help you negotiate an agreement

- Factsheet: [Understanding Dispute Resolution](#)
- Interrelate: [Family Dispute Resolution](#)

Seek help from an experienced family lawyer about your rights and options including court

- Find out more about us: [Discovery Call](#)
- Get legal advice now: [Initial Consultation](#)

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