


# Divorce Step By Step - A Comprehensive Guide



## THE DIVORCE PROCESS

Just separated? You have our sympathies. If (like 99% of the first time divorcing population) you haven't the foggiest idea of what you have to do to get through the process, read on...

**ONE OR BOTH OF YOU WANT TO SPLIT.**  
Now you need to work out whether you are separating / divorcing / giving it another go or counting.

**WE DEFINITELY WANT TO DIVORCE...**  
How amicable is your divorce? If it is fairly straightforward, you may could do it yourself but if there is a dispute or if there are children involved, you should find a solicitor.

**GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE**  
There are 5 grounds (reasons) that can be submitted to divorce – you will need to choose one.  
The grounds are:  
1. You have been separated for 2 years and both agree to divorce.  
2. Adultery.  
3. Unreasonable behaviour.  
4. Separated for 5 years (no consent required).  
5. Desertion.

**NOW WE HAVE TO SORT STUFF OUT**  
Before you get your Decree Absolute you'll need to officially agree how you will divide your assets – house, money, possessions. If you have children, you will need to agree how they will split their time with each parent.

**SORTING OUT THE MONEY**  
• There are lots of things to think about when dividing up your finances.  
• How will you divide up the things you own: house, cars, possessions?  
• What about savings, debts, pensions, investments?  
• What are both your incomes/savings?  
• What are both of your financial needs?

**DECREE ABSOLUTE: THIS TOO SHALL PASS**  
Whether you agree it, do a DIY jobbie, mediation or thrust it out in court, eventually you will be issued your decree absolute and that's it. You are officially divorced.

**Why would I separate and not divorce?**  
Perhaps for cultural or religious reasons. Age may also be a factor. For more info on legal separation go to: [www.gov.uk/legal-separation](http://www.gov.uk/legal-separation)


**PETITIONING FOR DIVORCE**  
One person has to "petition" the other for the divorce. You have to say what the grounds for divorce are. The petition is sent to the courts.

**D.I.V.O.R.C.E.**  
A third of divorces in 2011 cited Facebook as a reason.  
Smaller people who weren't in photos are 5 times more likely to divorce.

**DECREE NISI ISSUED**  
A Decree Nisi is a provisional order granted once the court is satisfied that you are entitled to get divorced. It DOES NOT mean that you are divorced, though you are on the way there.

**SORTING OUT THE KIDS**  
Where will the children live and how much time will they spend with each parent?  
-- How often each of you will see the kids  
-- Maintenance -- talk with the CDF website for an assessment of the maintenance you or your ex will have to pay.


**NICE THEORY BUT WE CAN'T AGREE HOW TO DO THIS**  
No mediation – where a qualified party helps you through a solution, it's a lot cheaper than going to court and they will guide the discussion.  
Alternatively you can get your two lawyers in a room to argue for you.  
The final solution is to go to court – the most expensive and unpredictable option, but it will decide one way or another.  
Now in the market is arbitration. Like a judge in court, the arbitrator's decision is binding BUT the process can be much cheaper and you can control the venue, the time and even limit to the issues that you've been unable to agree on.



Divorce Club was set up by Lucy Davis and Isabelle Harty to help other divorcees go through the pain of separation and move through it with positive thoughts, new friends and a brighter future.

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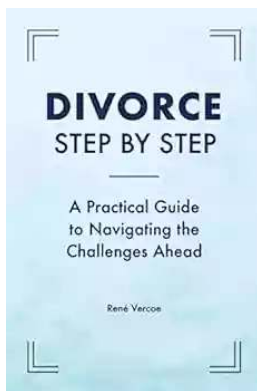
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Divorce is often a difficult and challenging process that can have a significant impact on people's lives. Whether you are considering or currently going through a divorce, it is crucial to have a clear understanding of the steps involved. In this

comprehensive guide, we will walk you through the divorce process step by step, providing useful insights and tips to help you navigate this emotional journey.

## Step 1: Making the Decision to Divorce

The first step in the divorce process is making the decision to end your marriage. This can be an incredibly tough choice, and it is important to weigh your options and consider counseling or therapy before finalizing your decision. Seeking professional help can provide you with the necessary guidance and support during this challenging time.



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## Step 2: Hiring an Attorney

Once you have made the decision to move forward with a divorce, it is essential to find a reputable divorce attorney to represent your interests. They will guide you through the legal proceedings, ensuring that your rights are protected and that the process runs smoothly.

### **Step 3: Gathering Necessary Documents**

To keep the divorce process efficient, you need to gather all the essential documents such as financial records, property deeds, tax returns, and any other relevant documents. These documents will play a crucial role in determining the distribution of assets and determining child custody and support.

### **Step 4: Filing the Divorce Petition**

Once you have all the necessary documents in order, your attorney will help you file a divorce petition with the court. The petition outlines the grounds for divorce and the relief sought, such as child custody, alimony, or property division.

### **Step 5: Serving the Divorce Petition**

After filing the divorce petition, it must be served to your spouse. This can be done through an authorized process server or a sheriff, ensuring that the appropriate legal requirements are met. Proper service of the petition is crucial to moving the divorce process forward.

### **Step 6: Responding to the Divorce Petition**

Once your spouse receives the divorce petition, they will have a specified amount of time to respond. They can either agree to the terms outlined in the petition or contest them. If they choose to contest, it may result in additional court hearings and legal procedures.

### **Step 7: Negotiating a Settlement**

In many cases, divorcing couples can save time, money, and emotional energy by reaching a settlement agreement outside of court. This involves negotiating terms regarding child custody, division of assets, spousal support, and any other

relevant issues. However, if negotiations fail, the divorce case may proceed to trial.

### **Step 8: Divorce Mediation**

Divorce mediation can be an effective alternative to a contentious trial. A third-party mediator will assist you and your spouse in reaching mutually acceptable agreements. The mediator helps facilitate productive discussions and ensures that both parties' interests are considered.

### **Step 9: Divorce Trial**

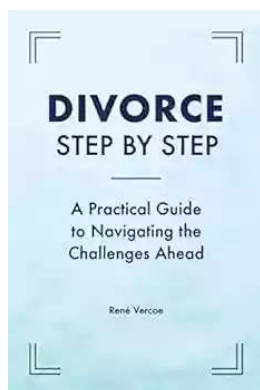
If all attempts at negotiation and mediation fail, the divorce case may proceed to trial. During the trial, each party presents their arguments, and the judge makes decisions on unresolved matters, such as child custody, asset division, and spousal support. It is important to have a skilled divorce attorney representing you during this stage to effectively present your case.

### **Step 10: Post-Divorce Issues**

Even after the divorce is finalized, there may be post-divorce issues that need to be addressed. These can include enforcing court orders, modifying child custody arrangements, or dealing with alimony and child support concerns. It is crucial to stay informed and seek legal advice when needed.

Divorce is undoubtedly a complex and emotional process. By following the steps outlined in this comprehensive guide, you can navigate through the divorce journey more effectively. Remember to seek professional support, prioritize your well-being, and approach the process with empathy and understanding. While divorce can be challenging, it also provides an opportunity for personal growth and a fresh start.

It is important to keep in mind that each divorce case is unique, and the specific steps may vary depending on individual circumstances. Consulting with a divorce attorney will provide you with personalized guidance tailored to your situation, ensuring that your rights are protected throughout the process.



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The step-by-step guide to a successful divorce—and a better future

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