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# Going to court about a family issue?

Whether you need to go to court about a divorce, sorting out your money and property, or arrangements for your children, we have free step-by-step guides to help.

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## A survival guide to representing yourself in family court – film

This short film looks at how to represent yourself in family court if you do not have a lawyer. It looks at the questions people who have represented themselves told us they worried about most - things like what to wear, where to sit, what to call the judge. And it shows you simple tips that will help you put your side of the story as well as you can at the hearings. We made this film because we know that going to court without a solicitor can be very frightening and stressful.



## How to get a divorce or end a civil partnership without the help of a lawyer

This guide explains what you need to do to get a divorce or end a civil partnership if you don't have the help of a solicitor or barrister. It explains how divorce works, the process, explains what forms you'll need, and what fees you'll have to pay. And then shows you, step-by-step, how to start court proceedings, how to fill in all the forms, and what you can do to keep it as amicable as possible between you and your ex.



## How to apply for a court order about the arrangements for your children without the help of a lawyer

This guide explains what you should do if you are a parent and you disagree with your child's other parent or family members about things like where your child lives, who they live with, and when, or how often, they see the parent they do not live with most of the time or other family members, and you want to apply for a court order about the arrangements for your children. It shows you, step-by-step, how to apply for a court order yourself, without the help of a lawyer. It explains what the court takes into account when it makes a decision, the process, how you can sort things out by negotiation and agreement, and much more.



## A survival guide to sorting out arrangements for your children

This guide is for parents who want to make arrangements for their children without having to go to court. It will help if you have just split up with your children's other parent, or if you have been parenting apart for years but now need to come up with a new plan. This guide will help you to find ways to agree arrangements between you that work well for everybody.



## How to apply for a financial order without the help of a lawyer

This guide explains how to apply for a financial order without the help of a lawyer if you are or were married or in a civil partnership, and you cannot decide how to share out what you own between you. This guide focuses on the person who applies for the financial order and what they should do, but is also relevant to the ex-partner who has to respond to the application. It provides useful information including what a financial order is, what kinds of financial orders the court can make, the process, and what will happen at each hearing. It also shows you what a statement of issues, a chronology and a questionnaire looks like and how to write your own.



## How to complete your financial statement (Form E) - film and guide

This film is for people who are going to court about their finances as part of a divorce or ending a civil partnership and don't have the help of a lawyer. It is a step-by-step guide to how you fill out your financial statement (Form E) yourself. Watch Rosemary as she completes her own form and explains what details you put where, and what all the gobbledygook actually means. Or if you prefer you can read our guide to filling in the form - we explain the trickiest questions and provide examples of the sorts of things you might include in your answers.



## A survival guide to sorting out your finances when you get divorced

This guide provides information about financial settlements for couples who are getting divorced or ending a civil partnership. It aims to help you understand more about what a judge might do in a case like yours to give you a better chance of making a fair agreement with your ex without having to go to court. Whether you are trying to make an agreement with your ex, going to family mediation, or preparing for court, this guide will help you know more about what is fair for you to agree to, and what is fair to suggest to your ex. It explains what assets, income and pensions are and suggests fair ways of dividing them. And it explains what you should do if you have managed to reach an agreement yourselves so that the court can make sure that what you agreed actually happens.



## How to get help if you are representing yourself in a court or tribunal

You may be able to get free help and advice to deal with your case. This guide explains what help might be available, where you can get it, and how you access it.



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