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# Divorce



## What happens in a Divorce?

A divorce case can handle the following issues:

- end the marriage
- reinstate a former name
- divide property and debt
- support of a spouse
- support of a child
- custody and visitation (parenting time)
- parentage issues if necessary

## Which Court handles divorce?

Divorces are heard in [Circuit Court](#). Custody, visitation, child support, parentage and spousal support may be resolved in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. After a divorce, requests to revise support, custody and visitation generally go to the [Juvenile and Domestic Relations](#) District Court.

## **What are the different kinds of divorce?**

There are two kinds of divorces: No-Fault and At-Fault.

- For more information about No-Fault divorce, please visit VALegalAid.org's [Divorce page](#). There are online forms and guidance for filing a No-Fault Divorce.
- [Consult with a lawyer](#) to learn more about At-Fault Divorce.

## **What resources can help me understand the divorce process?**

**There are no official court forms dealing with the process of spousal separation or divorce.** Information about the divorce process, as well as practical concerns about financial matters and custody, is available from the [Virginia State Bar](#) and [VALegalAid.org](#). These organizations and the [find a lawyer](#) resources, along with your local court, local law library or local Bar Association may also be able to refer you to someone who can help. **VA Law Help 2 Go** offers a [video](#) that explains your options in pursuing an uncontested divorce from your partner.

[Spare the Child](#), a project of the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section, guides parents through the difficult task of restructuring their family. The documentary-style, conversational video uses everyday language. There is a [brochure](#) to use with the video.

## **What about custody, visitation and support?**

Please visit the [Custody and Support page](#).

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[Divorce, Custody and Separation in Virginia from VALegalAid.org](#)

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