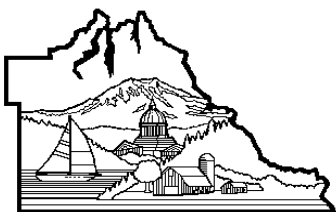


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LEGAL SEPARATION

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- ✓ *There are Dependent Children of this Marriage*
- ✓ *The Parties Are Not Signing the Papers Together*
- ✓ *The Parties are Not in Agreement*



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HOW TO FILE FOR A LEGAL SEPARATION CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You are seeking a legal separation and one of the parties resides in Washington State;
- ✓ There are dependent children of this marriage;
- ✓ The parties are not signing the papers together and may not be in agreement;

PLEASE NOTE: If you need property divided, debts divided, temporary support or any other issues taken care of on a temporary basis while your divorce is pending, there are separate packets available for:

Motion for Temporary Orders
Immediate Restraints

(Please refer back to the Self-Help Center to purchase the above packets)

If you do not have dependent children of this marriage, or your spouse is in agreement with you on the terms of the legal separation, you should not use this packet. Please refer back to the self-help center for a different packet.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. The Self-help Center has a list of local who can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.