

7 COMMON TRAPS OF SEPARATION

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Separation can often be a complicated and confusing time. Most people don't know where to begin. If you have just separated and don't know what to do next. Here are some quick tips on what NOT to do.

Here are some of the common mistakes that can be made;



1. **Going immediately to mediation** – many people believe they have a legal requirement to go to mediation (often at a Family Relationship Centre). That is not the case. You must get legal advice first.
2. **Deciding not to speak to a counsellor** – there are usually great benefits in speaking with a counsellor.
3. **Thinking that domestic violence has to involve physical violence** – the definition of domestic violence is much broader than that and includes harassment and intimidation.
4. **Failing to document a property settlement agreement.**
5. **Not keeping a diary after separation** – it is very helpful if you have a written record of events, including your financial arrangements, the children's arrangements and comments that have been made.
6. **Not making a plan** – having a plan minimises stress, while maximising outcomes.
7. **Not seeking Specialist Family Law advice.**

Avoid frustrations. Speak to one of our Family Law Specialists today (07) 3221 4300 for a fixed-fee (\$330 inc. GST) consultation.