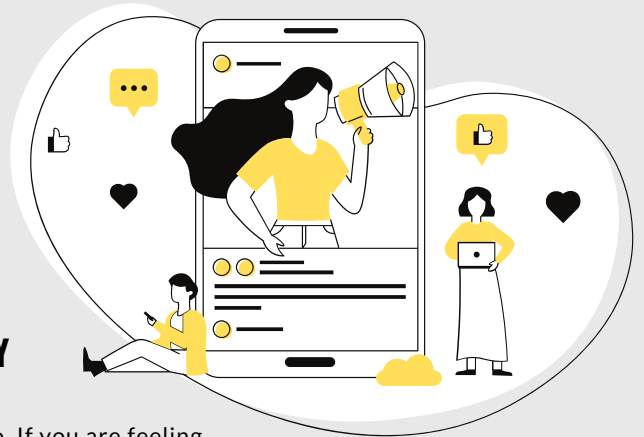


DIVORCE + MORE YOUR COVID-19 QUESTIONS

We've created a short guide to help anyone dealing with divorce, separation, child care arrangements or court hearings during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19").

This should not be treated as legal advice. If you have any other questions or concerns, book your free 30 minute consultation by phone or video today.

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1 I'M IN ISOLATION. WHAT ABOUT MY COURT HEARING?

Most court hearings are now taking place by phone or video. If you are feeling unwell or unable to attend a phone / video hearing, contact your legal team urgently.

2 WE'RE IN LOCKDOWN. WHAT ABOUT CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS?

Where possible, you should continue to follow agreed arrangements. Official Government advice states "where parents do not live in the same household, children under 18 can be moved between their parents' homes." With a country-wide lockdown and healthcare concerns, plans may change. Agree a plan and if you are unable to comply with your court order:

- notify your legal team; and
- explore ways to remain in contact during agreed times via video calls or online activities.

3 I'M WORRIED I WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY CHILD MAINTENANCE.

This is a difficult time for many people. If you have lost your job, or face reduced hours, speak with your co-parent and notify your solicitor. If you are concerned, we offer free 30 minute consultations on 01274 727373.

4 HOW DO I APPLY FOR EMERGENCY CUSTODY?

In the event you need to apply for custody of your child or children, you will need a court order. The courts are still operating - although timescales may differ.

5 ARE LAW FIRMS STILL OPEN?

Most law firms remain open. If you have an urgent question or need someone to attend a hearing, SKB Law is open. We can speak to clients by phone, through our encrypted legal tech platform, or WhatsApp Business.

6 I NEED TO CREATE A WILL.

You can write your own will, but you need to get it formally witnessed and signed to make it legally valid. If you would like to create or revise your will:

- call our office on 01274 727373;
- we can take instructions by phone and where practical and safe to do so, a member of our team will arrange to witness the will;

7 BE MINDFUL

Uncertainty can cause or increase stress and anxiety. Remember to take care of yourself. You may want to pause any big decisions. If you want to continue with your divorce, agree what is realistic at this time. Make plans and raise any concerns that you foresee in advance with your co-parent or solicitor.

8 STAY SAFE

Follow Government guidelines at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>