

SEPARATION

Separation is always a stressful time. However, there are several things that you should consider doing to safe guard your position and avoid later complications.

- If you hold any property in joint names, consider severing the joint tenancies. The reason for this is that property held on a joint tenancy automatically passes to the other proprietor on the death of one proprietor.
- Check the terms of your Will and consider whether or not you need a new one. If you have not made a Will, this is a good time to do so.
- Consider whether any Power of Attorney in favour of a former partner needs to be revoked.
- Identify whether or not you have any joint liabilities that are being paid. Also cancel any joint credit cards, and arrange a separate bank account.
- If necessary, keep a diary relating to contact arrangements for the children.
- If you have children living with you, and you cannot agree on financial provision, contact the Child Support Agency as soon as possible.