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## How Your Dating Life Can Impact Your Children After a Divorce

Finding new romantic partners is part of moving on after a divorce. Divorcing parents often question when is the best time to introduce the kids to their new boyfriend/girlfriend. There is really no easy answer to this question. Keep in mind though, all decisions affecting the kids should put their best interests at the forefront.



If you have a visitation schedule with your children, this time should really be kept between you and the children. Introducing a new boyfriend/girlfriend can dilute the relationship and unnecessarily confuse the children. Be sensitive to your children's feelings. Even if your children say they are okay with sharing time with you and your new girlfriend/boyfriend, they usually aren't. They may even feel disloyal toward their other parent.

## How to Put a Value On Your House When You Divorce

Figuring out how to split property comes with the territory if you're filing for divorce. For most people, their house is their single largest asset (and debt). To arrive at a fair plan for dividing it, you'll have to take a hard look at what it's actually worth.

Determining the value of your house may not be as simple as you think. Very often, couples have emotional as well as financial ties to the place where they lived with their ex and children. Generally, you'll need to hire an expert



house appraiser to give you a realistic estimate of its fair market value.

Once you can agree on a value, you and your spouse will need to decide what to do with your house. If one of you can't afford to live in it without the income of the other, you may have to sell it and split the proceeds.

## If You Suspect Your Spouse Has Hidden Assets from the Divorce Court

Many of the major issues in a divorce case center on the assets/income each spouse brings to the table. Child support, alimony, and division of property will be decided based on what the couple owns and their respective incomes. Problems often arise when one spouse hides or is dishonest about the true picture of their income or worth. This is usually done as an attempt to "cheat" the other spouse



out of their portion of the marital property or to falsely lower the amount they may have to pay in child or spousal support.

If you suspect your spouse hid assets, you can ask the court to compel disclosure of financial statements and tax returns. Unfortunately, these records are often inaccurate too. A divorce lawyer can discuss other options for finding missing assets such as a private investigator or forensic accountant.

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