

Getting Started Checklist

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When you first make the decision to separate, there are many things you need to consider until you have a final agreement in place.

Here's a list of questions that can help start the conversation about the things you both need to consider at this time.

- ◇ Who wants to stay in the home for now?
- ◇ Who will pay the mortgage and other regular expenses such as gas, electricity, and home repairs while you're apart til you reach a final agreement?
- ◇ How will you share the money in your joint bank accounts?
- ◇ How will you handle your current debts?
- ◇ What about the credit cards? Will you continue to use them or put a hold on them?
- ◇ Who will be responsible for the debts either of you incur while you work towards a final agreement?
- ◇ How will you pay for all the professional fees related to your separation?