

## COHABITATION

When your relationship has reached the end of the road, make sure divorce is what you want. Your family and friends may be able to help but you should seek legal advice. If you have children, try and discuss what arrangements you have for their future. Where will they live? When will they see the other parent? Remember that the children should not be used in any way to punish your spouse – if you do it is only the children who suffer. Do not let that happen. Talk to each other about your children and their future. Seek legal advice as soon as you can. Remember it is important to form a good relationship with your Solicitor. It is essential that you find a Solicitor that you feel comfortable with, can talk to and one who understands you and you understand them.



Some Solicitors offer an initial meeting at no costs to allow you the opportunity to see if this is a Solicitor I can feel comfortable with and talk to. Once you find a Solicitor, be prepared – they will want your Marriage Certificate and form of ID (a current Driving Licence or Passport and a recent utility bill). Try and have a list of your assets and liabilities but do not worry if this is only a guess as during the divorce process accurate information can be obtained.

If you think your spouse may try and dispose of assets or money then see a Solicitor sooner rather than later. There is Court action that can be taken to prevent this.

How much will this cost? Much depends on the assets involved and the complexity of your particular circumstances. Your Solicitor will after the initial meeting be able to give you a much clearer estimate of the costs involved. Many Solicitors will accept monthly payments on account of the fees to help you spread the cost and ensure it is manageable and you can budget for the costs.

### For more information speak to:

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