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## How to prepare for a divorce [Checklist]

- ✓ **Check your credit report:** Pull your credit report before and after your divorce at [annualcreditreport.com](https://annualcreditreport.com).
- ✓ **Gather your financial documents:** While you can easily make copies of your documents, do it.
- ✓ **Go to the doctor:** If you are insured under your spouse's health plan, take care of any health issues before the divorce is finalized.
- ✓ **Safeguard irreplaceable items:** Put your family heirlooms in a safe outside of your house.
- ✓ **Redirect your mail:** Get a P.O. Box as soon as you start your divorce proceedings.
- ✓ **Protect your digital identity:** Create a new email address and change all of your passwords.
- ✓ **Address parenting:** Discuss scheduling, dispute resolution, education and religious preferences.
- ✓ **Review calendars:** Physically mark out your parenting schedule on a calendar; it's easy to forget the first year.
- ✓ **Update your estate:** Rewrite your will and change all of your beneficiary designations.
- ✓ **Confirm asset transfer:** Make sure the assets that are supposed to transfer to you, get transferred.

**If you think you need a financial advisor to help through your divorce, get organized first by downloading our document checklist.**