



Texas Father's Rights Divorce Checklist

Before Filing or When Divorce Is Imminent

- Confirm legal paternity (AOP or court order if needed)
- Gather key documents (marriage license, birth certificates, financials, communications)
- Start or continue a log of your involvement with your child
- Stay engaged in day-to-day care and routines
- Avoid moving out without a plan and legal advice
- Consult a Texas family-law attorney

During the Divorce Process

- Request temporary orders for conservatorship and possession
- Keep communication civil and documented
- Follow all court orders and deadlines
- Avoid negative social posts about the other parent
- Track child-related expenses and contributions
- Prioritize your child's needs over conflict

After the Divorce Decree

- Follow your possession order precisely
- Keep copies of all orders (including SPO)
- Seek modification if schedules or circumstances change
- Attend school, medical, and extracurricular activities consistently
- Maintain regular communication with your child
- Document any interference with your parenting time

Quick Tips

- Texas law starts from equal parental rights
- Best-interest factors drive every decision
- Proactivity and consistency strengthen your position
- Experienced local counsel matters