

How can I change Parenting Orders?



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If you and the other parent both agree to change the Parenting Orders, you should get legal advice about the next steps.

If you can't agree about changing the Parenting Orders, you may need to go to the Family Courts. Unless an exception applies, usually you must try Family Dispute Resolution before you can go to the Family Courts about your children.

Domestic and family violence is an exception to having to try Family Dispute Resolution, but you might still want to try Family Dispute Resolution before going to court.



When will the court change a Parenting Order?

For the Family Courts to consider changing a Parenting Order, you need to prove that:

- there has been a significant change in circumstances since the orders were made, and
- changing the orders is in the best interests of the child.

If a Domestic Violence Order is made after Parenting Orders - sometimes the Magistrate in the Domestic Violence Order case can change the Parenting Orders. You should get legal advice about this.



What is a significant change of circumstances?

This depends on each case, so you should get legal advice about your situation.

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