

Divorce Preparation Checklist

Use this checklist to help you better prepare for your divorce.

4 Key Steps to Help You Prepare for Divorce

- Gather copies of key financial records, including but not limited to the following:
 - Federal income tax returns (last 3 years). (www.IRS.gov)
 - Pay stubs (last 6 months)
 - Bank statements (last 12 months)
 - Mortgage statements (last 12 months)
 - Retirement account statements (last 12 months)
 - Investment account statements (last 12 months)
 - Credit card statements (last 12 months)
 - Life insurance policies (other than those through employer)
 - Copy of your driver's license
 - Copy of your health insurance card
 - Copy of your auto insurance card
- ▶ Store the information someplace safe (friend, family member, locked office, attorney).
- Make a list of all your assets (including their market value and cost) and debt.
 - ▶ Use the **Inventory and Appraisal** form from our office.
- Draft a monthly budget for your current lifestyle and post-divorce lifestyle.
 - ▶ Use the **Financial Affidavit** from our office.
- Obtain and review your credit report. (www.AnnualCreditReport.com)

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