

# 5 Simple Steps to an Amicable Divorce

## *What is an “amicable divorce”?*

An amicable divorce (also known as peaceful divorce or uncontested divorce) is when both parties cooperate in order to settle on terms and reach an outcome that is mutually agreeable.

## *Why should I get an amicable divorce?*

Traditional divorce can be emotionally draining, financially devastating and potentially hurtful to those involved. At Divorce With Dignity we understand what you're going through. Some of us have even been through divorce ourselves. We help you avoid the worry and loss of a traditional divorce.

## Here are the 5 simple steps you should take:

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**Make The Decision.** Making the decision to divorce can be the most difficult step. Before you decide, make sure you ask the right questions, such as, “Is divorce the best choice? Could counseling help us salvage the relationship? Whatever we decide, can we work together?” You also want to consider all the different consequences of divorcing vs. staying together, such as finances, children, relocating, dividing, assets, etc.

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**Consult a divorce professional.** A divorce professional can guide you through the decision-making and divorce process, help you gather all the necessary information and develop your divorce plan. You don't have to go through the process alone. At Divorce With Dignity we will help you consider all aspects of a divorce, provide you with options as well as help you see both sides in order to reach an agreement.

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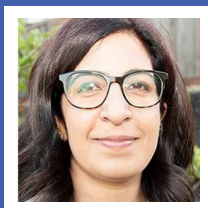
**Tell those who will be affected.** A divorce impacts many people: you, your spouse, children, family, friends and more. Be sensitive to how you share the news with them. Find a setting that is appropriate and safe then share the news in a respectful manner. You may want to get support or divorce counseling for yourself or for your children to make the process as smooth as possible.

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**Start the legal process.** Contact your local Divorce With Dignity Provider. They will help you start the paperwork and guide you through the process to make sure everything is done correctly. Your Provider will help you complete the proper legal documents and file them with your State as well as work to help you come to an agreement.

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**Finalize the divorce process.** Your Divorce With Dignity Provider will work with you to finalize the process with the courts. You don't have to appear at court in most States (ask your Provider about the divorce requirements in your State). Amicable divorce allows you to move forward with your life with a new beginning.



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**Don't wait.**

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