



Initial Precautionary Actions

- Cancel joint credit cards and charge accounts.
- If you cosigned or guaranteed a loan for your spouse, contact the lender and disclaim liability for any future loans.
- Terminate joint tenancies you have with your spouse.
- Obtain "freeze" orders on assets and on the removal of the children; if warranted, obtain a protective order against abuse.
- Do not negotiate with your spouse if you are concerned that such negotiations will ultimately leave you disadvantaged.

Do not put the child(ren) in the middle of the dispute with your spouse. Don't undermine your spouse's relationship with your child(ren). It will help your case in the long run if you can demonstrate your ability to support a relationship between the child(ren) and your spouse.