

# What to Gather in Preparation for Divorce

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Below is a list of documents and information you will need to gather and keep in a safe place:

1. Have contact information for both you and the other party. This includes family members and employers.
2. Social Security numbers of all the parties, including the children.
3. Date of births of all the parties, including children.
4. State of birth of all the parties, including children.
5. Necessary Documentation:
  - Credit reports for you and your spouse. (Each person can pull one credit report per year at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)).
  - Copy of credit card statements (at least the last three months, including transactions). If you don't have a copy, most credit card companies will allow you to print off up to twelve months of reports from their websites.
  - Bank account information, including transaction reports.
  - Current pay stubs for both parties
  - At least last year's tax returns. If you don't have these you can request a copy from the IRS.
6. List of assets:
  - Real Estate (legal descriptions of all property owned by you and your spouse, or each of you individually, or with other parties).

- Cars
- Bank accounts
- Retirement accounts

7. List of all monthly expenses (and copies of debts)

- Monthly household expenses
- Rent
- Utility
- Phone
- Cell phone
- Cable
- School expenses
- Insurance
- Medical expenses
- Food

**\*\*Once you have gathered the above information, keep it in a safe place. You will need to be able to retrieve the documents even if you are Court Ordered out of the marital house. \*\***

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Be sure to check out the [\*\*Divorce 101\*\*](#) page for more information on preparing for and filing a divorce in Kansas.

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