

JUDICIAL ORDER FOR PROPER CONDUCT OF DIVORCED PARENTS

This Judicial Order for proper conduct of parents who are unmarried, and is directed equally to both the Petitioner/Plaintiff and the Respondent/Defendant herein. The word "child" means one or more children.

If there is bitterness between the parents, it should not be inflicted upon the child. In every child's mind there **MUST** and should always be an image of **TWO GOOD PARENTS**. The future of the parents with the child and with this Court will be enhanced if the parents follow these directions:

THE PARENTS ARE DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Do not poison your child's mind against the other parent by discussing that parent's shortcomings. Do not attempt to buy your child's favor with presents or special treatment.
2. Do not permit a person of the opposite gender to spend the night in your respective dwellings or other sleeping locations while the minor child is present. This provision should not apply to family members.
3. Neither shall you permit your paramour of the same sex to spend the night in your respective dwellings or sleeping location while the minor child is present.
4. Do not use your visitation to continue argument with the other parent. Never quarrel in the presence of your child.
5. Do not visit or transport the child if you have been drinking. Do not attempt to visit or telephone your child at unreasonable hours, e.g. after the child's bedtime, before school, etc.
6. Be prompt in paying child support exactly as ordered. You will not be credited with presents, clothes, etc. as a part of child support. The parent who has a duty of paying support must always maintain proof of payment and be in position to prove the payments. (e.g. receipts, canceled checks, etc.)
7. Do not fail to notify the other parent as soon as possible if you are unable to keep your scheduled visitations. It is unfair to your child to keep him/her waiting and even worse to disappoint him/her by not coming at all.
8. Make your visitation as pleasant as possible for your child by **NOT** questioning him/her regarding the activities of the other parent.
9. The parent with whom the child lives must prepare him/her both physically and mentally for the visitation.
10. The parents must realize that visitation takes precedence over other plans for the child; however, infrequently there may be conflicts between visitation and plans which are in the best interest of the child. Both parents are required to work out this problem together as mature adults.

11. If your decree specifies reasonable visitation rights **BE REASONABLE WITH THE OTHER PARENT AS YOU EXPECT THE OTHER PARENT TO BE WITH YOU** and share the child as much as practical and reasonable.

12. Always inform the other parent of your address and telephone number. Always inform the other parent of the child's address and telephone number at all times. Any change in the address or telephone number of either parent must be reported to the other parent immediately. You are required to inform the other parent at once of any sickness of the child or of any injury to the child. If the child is sick or injured, his condition and progress will be reasonably reported.

13. Do not burden your child with the worries and troubles of adults. Remember that he/she is a child.

14. Each parent must realize that the most important job is to carry out the responsibilities of raising the child in a proper, cooperative way. Always work for the spiritual well being, health, happiness and safety of your child. Use good judgment and your very best example to achieve these goals. Schedule regular dental and medical examinations. When driving, secure your child in seatbelts or a safety chair. Never subject the child to dangerous, immoral or illegal situations or circumstances.

15. Give your child all the love you have. Remember, one day he/she will be grown and will move away from your home. Also remember, that your child will pass along the love you give to him to others dear to him.

16. Do not accuse, blame or nag the other parent about things which have happened in the past. Remember the other will treat you as you treat him or her, so always use the same degree of consideration, respect and kindness toward the other parent that you expect to receive in return.

Failure to follow these directions may result in violation of the order of this Court and may be punishable by Contempt of Court with a fine, imprisonment, or both. There might also be the additional expense of attorneys fees and court costs, all of which can be better used for the benefit of your child.

IT IS SO ORDERED!

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Dated: _____