

Legal Advice Document

Name of Bride and Groom _____

The following is information to knowledge you on getting married and advice for being a newlywed. The following is not meant to scare you but is only giving you more knowledge on what can happen in marriages.

1) **Don't attack each other, attack your problems**

Communicating is the most important in a marriage to solve problems but abuse can happen. Abuse in intimate partnerships are 15% with every third and fourth man dealing with some type of physical or emotional abuse.

2) **Make sure you keep a watch on your finances**

Putting all of your money together is a big commitment. Don't let money get in the way of your marriage; some ways to help this not happen is to not go financially behind their back, make sure your lifestyle differences don't get in the way, and don't let your salary differences get in the way.

3) **Educate yourselves with divorces**

29% of marriages end up suffering and end in divorce. If your marriage is starting to have issues to where you and your spouse want a divorce, acknowledging yourself is important. There are many aspects of getting a divorce and it's going to use a lot your time and energy. Make sure you are financially stable before getting a divorce or look into a pro bono divorce lawyer.

4) **Make a Plan**

Divorces are messy and you'll need a plan during the divorce process and after it's time to sign the separation papers. Deciding where to live, how to separate the property, and how to talk and make your kids understand (if you have any). Your health and life is going to go through a rollercoaster of emotions, but it'll get better as time goes on.

5) **Co-Parenting**

Keep your child as one of your top priorities. 66% of married couples who live together and have children involves, end up getting a divorce. Knowing this can be stressful but as long as you start by using the first 2 general tips above, your marriage can start looking positive. If a divorce happens, you might think children have it simple during a divorce since they aren't using their own money or going to court, but they will just as affected, if not more, due to their parents separating after years of living together as one.

X I _____ and _____ have acknowledged and have a better understanding of being a newlywed and going through a divorce.