

Preparing Your Custody Agreement for Summer Transitions

With changing routines, vacations, and camps, summer can throw a lot at your schedule. If your current plan doesn't cover seasonal changes like travel or new work hours, a post-decree modification can help you avoid last-minute stress and keep everything clear and enforceable.

Here's how to make sure your custody plan is summer-ready — before the season starts.



REVIEW YOUR CURRENT CUSTODY AGREEMENT WITH SUMMER IN MIND — DOES IT STILL FIT YOUR SCHEDULE?



START THE CONVERSATION EARLY WITH YOUR CO-PARENT TO IDENTIFY ANY AREAS OF CONFLICT OR CONFUSION.



DOCUMENT EVERYTHING IN WRITING, ESPECIALLY VACATION DATES AND TRAVEL PLANS.



WORK WITH A FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY TO UPDATE OR MODIFY YOUR AGREEMENT LEGALLY — ESPECIALLY IF IT'S MISSING KEY SEASONAL DETAILS.



FILE A POST-DECREE MODIFICATION IF CHANGES NEED TO BE FORMALIZED IN COURT.

What should be included in your summer custody agreement?



Key Items to Include in Your Summer Custody Agreement



- Vacation dates and travel plans.
- Pickup and drop-off times adjusted for summer activities.
- Out-of-state and international travel guidelines.
- Responsibilities for summer camp registration, costs, and logistics.
- Communication expectations during vacations
- Transportation arrangements for summer exchanges.
- Safety protocols for travel and vacation time. on arrangements for summer exchanges.
- A plan is in place for handling last-minute schedule changes or conflicts.
- Your agreement reflects any new summer work hours or routine changes.