

CHECKLIST

WE'RE SEPARATING, NOW WHAT?

FIRST STEPS



There are a number of practical considerations when you're separating. Getting things organised will help you feel more in control of the situation and allow you and your former partner to focus on resolving other important issues.

- Consider opening a new post office box and redirecting important mail
- Set up a separate email account and change passwords to any personal media, internet banking and other accounts
- Ensure you have access to funds. You may need to open a new bank account or apply for a separate credit card. You may need to transfer some funds across to that account from your existing redraw facility or jointly held funds
- Pack and take away from the home important irreplaceable items and place important documents (e.g. birth and marriage certificates, passports) somewhere safe. It's a good idea to make copies
- If you feel you may need to leave the home (even temporarily), pack an overnight bag for yourself and, if you have children, pack some of their belongings as well. If you do move out, take your personal items including medications and records, personal documents, and any other household contents you wish to keep. Getting them later can sometimes be difficult

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