

## Divorce

The two ways of formally dissolving a marriage in Utah are divorce or annulment. Sometimes people are not certain if they want to end the marriage and those people may file for a legal separation until they can decide.

Utah recognizes common law marriage. For people who have had a common law marriage, it is necessary to have a court determine if the marriage existed and then determine the rights of the parties.

Only the District Courts in Utah have authority to enter a divorce. When the parties have children, a class called [divorce education](#) is required before the divorce will be granted.

### For further information on divorce:

- [Utah State Court "Getting a divorce in Utah"](#)
- [File your own divorce using OCAP](#)
- [Information on how to obtain a copy of a divorce decree](#)