

**ONLINE DO-IT-
YOURSELF FORMS
FOR VIRGINIA**

**AN EASY TO USE GUIDE
TO HELP YOU FILE FOR A
NO FAULT DIVORCE IN
VIRGINIA**



**ON THE WEB AT:
WWW.VALEGAL.AID.ORG/DIVORCE**

CREATING NO FAULT DIVORCE DOCUMENTS ONLINE

What is a no fault divorce?

You may be able to file for a no fault divorce if you have lived physically separate and apart from your spouse for either:

- ⇒ six months (if you do not have any children under the age of 18 and have signed a written separation agreement dividing your property and resolving all other issues relating to your marriage, including spousal support)
- ⇒ one year (if you and your spouse have minor children, even if you have entered into a written separation agreement)

This separation must be continuous, without interruption, without cohabitation and with the intent that the separation be permanent.

In a “no fault” divorce, you do not have to prove that your spouse did something wrong, like adultery or desertion.

YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN NO FAULT DIVORCE DOCUMENTS USING AN ONLINE GUIDED INTERVIEW - IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEPARATED LONG ENOUGH AND THERE AREN'T ANY DISPUTES.*

The no fault divorce documents are created through *LawHelp Interactive*.

You can access it by going to www.VaLegalAid.org/divorce. Once you go to that page, simply click the green box beside “Do It Yourself Divorce” or click the heading itself, and it will take you to the LawHelp Interactive No Fault Divorce interview site where you will begin the process of creating your materials for the no fault divorce packet. The process will be in the form of an easy-to-use guided interview.

Question and Answer Format. The program asks simple questions and uses your answers to create the legal forms you need.

Defines Important Terms. With the click of the mouse you can find legal definitions and other helpful information.

Provides Detailed Instructions. Along with the documents generated for filing for your no fault divorce, the program provides a packet of detailed instructions to help you navigate the divorce process.

Directs you to the Legal Aid Hotline. If at any point during the interview, the program tells you that you do not qualify to use it, the program will direct you to the Legal Aid hotline: 866-534-5243.

Confidential. You can save your work and go back to it later on. Just make sure that you create an account when you are first directed to LawHelp Interactive and that you have an e-mail address. The program will keep your work confidential by allowing you to create and use a password to get back to anything you save.

*This program can be used only for the simplest divorces. If your divorce is complicated, the program will not let you proceed, but will instead direct you to your local Legal Aid office.

WHAT IS VALEGALAID.ORG?

VaLegalAid.org is a free website that offers legal self-help information in the civil law areas that lower and moderate income Virginians most often confront. It also provides referrals to legal aid programs, lawyer referral services and court services, and other relevant information for low and moderate income Virginians seeking legal services.

To use VaLegalAid.org, simply go to the website, www.valegalaid.org, and click on one of the 16 subject areas on which you are looking for help. Resources will then appear for the subject area that you clicked.



The housing law and family and domestic law topics on valegalaid.org are two of the most visited sections of the site.

**THIS "DO IT YOURSELF"
NO FAULT DIVORCE
TOOL IS NOW
AVAILABLE STATEWIDE.**

Please note that this program provides legal information and will produce forms that you can use to file for a simple, "no fault" divorce in Virginia. You will not be able to use this program if your divorce has any one of a number of complicating factors.

In all cases, it is best to consult with an attorney before you file anything in court. Information on how to find an attorney is also provided through this program.

Forms and other information are available online at:
www.valegalaid.org

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