



# Joint Custody Agreement

This **Joint Custody Agreement** ("**Agreement**") is entered into by and between the following parties;

**Parent 1**

**Parent 2**

Parent 1 and Parent 2 are each referred to individually as a "**Parent**" and collectively as the "**Parents.**"

**WHEREAS** the Parents are the legal parents of the child(ren) identified below;

**WHEREAS** the Parents desire to establish clear, cooperative arrangements regarding the care, custody, and upbringing of their child(ren);

**WHEREAS** the Parents intend this Agreement to set out their mutual understanding and binding commitments concerning joint custody, subject to approval by a court of competent jurisdiction if required.

The Parents therefore agree as follows:

## 1. Identification of Child(ren)

This Agreement applies to the following child(ren):

Full Legal Name	Date of Birth

## **2. Purpose and Nature of the Agreement**

The purpose of this Agreement is to define the Parents' respective rights and responsibilities in relation to joint custody of the child(ren), promote stability and consistency, and support the child(ren)'s best interests through shared parental involvement.

## **3. Legal Custody**

The Parents shall share joint legal custody, meaning that both Parents shall have equal rights and responsibilities to participate in major decisions affecting the child(ren), including decisions relating to education, healthcare, religious upbringing, and general welfare.

Neither Parent shall make a major decision affecting the child(ren) without first consulting the other Parent, except in cases of urgency where immediate action is reasonably required.

## **4. Physical Custody and Parenting Time**

The Parents agree to share joint physical custody, with parenting time allocated as follows:

### **Regular Parenting Schedule:**

### **Holiday Schedule:**

The Parents shall alternate or share holidays as follows:

### **Vacation Time:**

Each Parent may have up to \_\_\_\_\_ weeks of uninterrupted vacation time with the child(ren) per year, provided reasonable advance notice is given to the other Parent.

## **5. Exchanges and Transportation**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing:

- Exchanges shall occur at \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Parent beginning their parenting time shall be responsible for transportation.
- Each Parent shall ensure the child(ren) are ready, on time, and with necessary belongings.

## **6. Communication Between Parents**

The Parents shall communicate respectfully and in good faith regarding matters affecting the child(ren). Communication may occur by phone, email, or other agreed means, provided it remains focused on parenting-related matters.

## **7. Communication with the Child(ren)**

Each Parent shall have reasonable access to communicate with the child(ren) during the other Parent's parenting time, provided such communication does not interfere with the child(ren)'s routine or activities.

## **8. Education**

The Parents shall jointly decide matters relating to the child(ren)'s education, including school selection, special educational services, and participation in school-related activities. Both Parents shall have equal access to school records and communications.

## **9. Healthcare**

The Parents shall jointly make decisions regarding non-emergency medical, dental, and mental health care. Each Parent is entitled to access medical records and communicate with healthcare providers.

In the event of a medical emergency, either Parent may authorize necessary treatment and shall promptly notify the other Parent of the circumstances and actions taken.

## **10. Financial Responsibilities**

This Agreement addresses custody and parenting arrangements only. Child support, expense sharing, and other financial matters shall be handled in accordance with a separate written agreement or applicable court order, if any.

## **11. Relocation**

Neither Parent shall relocate the child(ren)'s primary residence in a manner that materially affects the custody arrangement without providing reasonable advance notice to the other Parent and obtaining written agreement or required legal approval.

## 12. Conduct and Cooperation

Each Parent shall:

- Foster a positive relationship between the child(ren) and the other Parent.
- Refrain from speaking negatively about the other Parent in the presence of the child(ren).
- Act in a manner that supports the emotional well-being and stability of the child(ren).

## 13. Modification

This Agreement may be modified only by a written document signed by both Parents. Temporary deviations by mutual consent shall not constitute a permanent modification unless confirmed in writing.

## 14. Termination

This Agreement shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by:

- A subsequent written agreement signed by both Parents, or
- A valid court order that supersedes this Agreement.

## 15. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of \_\_\_\_\_, without regard to conflict-of-law principles.

## 16. Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parents regarding joint custody of the child(ren) and supersedes all prior oral or written discussions on this subject.

## 17. Voluntary Execution

Each Parent acknowledges that they have read this Agreement, understand its contents, and enter into it voluntarily and without coercion.

By signing below, the Parents agree to be bound by the terms of this Joint Custody Agreement.

**Parent 1**

**Name**

**Date**

**Signature**

**Parent 2**

**Name**

**Date**

**Signature**

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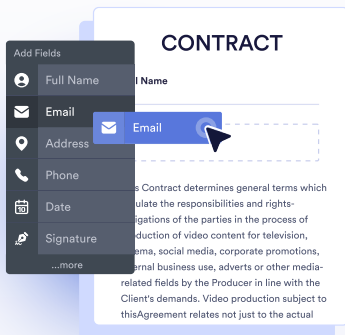


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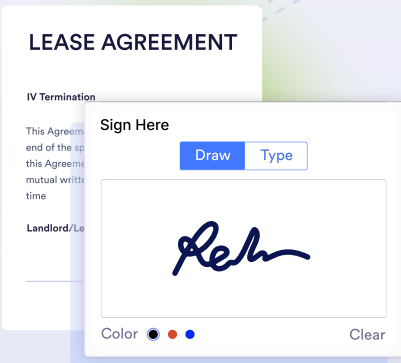
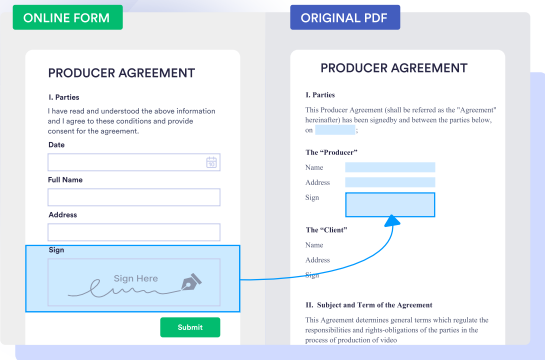
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