

Checklist for financial security and wellbeing

There are typical areas of need for planning during big life transitions like separation and divorce, according to unhitch guest speaker and Certified Financial Planner Laura Fralick. Check these items off as you work your way through the list, maybe with the help of a planner or accountant as needed. We've left room at the end to add other goals and items to your checklist.

Updating beneficiaries for your various accounts, insurance, group benefits, pension
Tax planning
Resetting family budgets/auditing your expenses and income streams
Ensuring that you are working with your lawyer to get a Will, Powers of Attorney
Continuing (or getting) health and dental coverage
Reviewing, updating or getting Life Insurance and Critical Illness Insurance
Mortgage qualification or application
Debt-reduction planning
Education accounts for children, special arrangements for children with disabilities
Gathering documents for your lawyer and accountant