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I'm getting divorced, do I
have to go to court?

1 What people **actually** **mean**

Generally when people ask “do I have to go to court?” they mean the actual court room, rather than the court just being involved.



The simple answer to this question is no. Although it can be and sometimes is much more complicated than this.

Most of the time when the court does need to be involved, it can generally be done through documentation, so you still would not have to attend an actual court room.

2 Dealing with other matters

Divorce is just one matter to be dealt with. Often, there will be multiple matters that you will need to deal with e.g. child arrangements and finances.

- There is no obligation for the court to be involved with matters outside of the divorce itself. More often than not, they won't want to be unless they need to be.
- Matters outside of divorce, especially child arrangements, are completely separate to the divorce itself.



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