



How do I arrange parental responsibility for my child?

On 1 January 2023, the situation regarding the process of obtaining joint parental responsibility changes. Even parents who are not married or are not in a registered civil partnership may obtain joint parental responsibility after 1 January 2023 with a recognition procedure. Read the flow chart below to learn which situation applies to you.



For more information or to see whether exceptions apply



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Have you had a child before or since January 2023?

Before 1 January 2023

Were you married at the time, or were you in a registered civil partnership?

Yes. No.

In that case you automatically have joint parental responsibility.

No.

In that case you don't have to do anything, the mother has sole parental responsibility.

Do you want joint parental responsibility?

Yes.

Well done!

Did you also apply for joint parental responsibility after recognition?

No.

In that case the informant does not yet have joint parental responsibility, which may lead to complicated situations. It would be a good idea to do that in any case as soon as possible. Scan the QR code to see how to go about this.

After 1 January 2023

Are you married or in a registered civil partnership?

In that case you automatically have joint parental responsibility.

Yes.

No.

In that case it is good to know that the informant automatically has joint parental responsibility over your child from 1 January 2023 if the child is recognised after 1 January 2023. Would you like to learn more about parental responsibility? Then scan the QR code.

Yes.

Do you want joint parental responsibility?

No.

The mother and the informant can arrange this together at the municipality, unless the mother withholds consent for recognition of the other parent. Scan the QR code for more in-depth information or to see whether exceptions apply.