

4 Successful Co-Parenting Tips for the Holidays



We understand that co-parenting can be a struggle at times. It is difficult to reach compromises with anybody on such a sensitive issue. Of course, it can be even more difficult when you are dealing with your ex. However, it doesn't have to be like that. **Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas can be co-parented successfully with a little ingenuity and careful planning.** If you're having issues with your co-parenting agreement, you can contact the [Law Office of David Pedrazas](#) for further guidance. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

What is Co-Parenting?

The term [co-parenting](#) refers to divorced parents working out an arrangement to jointly raise their children. **Normally, the court decree lays down guidelines for co-parenting that must be followed.** These guidelines should include rules for the holidays. All of the stipulations in the decree must be followed by both parents. If this is not the case, the other parent can go to the court for help. However, **it is easier and less stressful for both parties to work together.** This will benefit the children as well as the parents. This situation is certainly the best for everybody, and we have provided a few tips below to assist you in reaching a compromise. These tips cover:

- Following the court's ruling
- Dividing the holidays equally
- Being respectful of the other party's time
- Focusing on the children's happiness

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Tip #1: Following the Court's Ruling

The court ruling will have detailed rules on co-parenting. It is important to follow the ruling for multiple reasons. Of course, [it is the law](#). Secondly, **because the ruling was made by a third party and not one of the parents, it is objective and intended to be fair.** It is a good idea to refer to the court decree to settle any disagreements you may have.

Tip #2: Dividing the Holidays Equally

To be fair to both parents and the children, **it is vital to divide the holidays equally.** The court decree will likely have assigned holidays to each parent. It should be clear [which parent gets the kids for each holiday](#).

Tip #3: Being Respectful of the Other Party's Time

This tip requires more than closely following the court's decree. ***It requires being respectful to the other parent, and making an effort not to argue about how the kids spend their holidays.*** [This may be easier said than done](#), but keep the best interests of the children in mind. It'll be bad for them if you and the other parent are arguing over how they spend their time.

Tip #4: Focusing on the Children's Happiness

As a parent, ***it is always important to put the children's happiness ahead of your own.*** This is true, perhaps especially so, [in a co-parenting situation](#). It can be tempting to put your own interests ahead of the children, but resist this temptation. ***This will ensure the kids have a better experience, and should make things smoother with the other parent.***

Contacting the Law Office of David Pedrazas

If you have further questions, [contact our offices here](#), or call us at 801-263-7078. We will be happy to provide you with legal advice and services. ***We have over 15 years of experience with similar cases***, and can help you with your co-parenting situation.