

PARENTING AND CHILD CUSTODY | WORKSHEET 2 OF 3

Relocation Evidence Planner

Organizes the proposed move, the child's day-to-day plan, realistic alternatives and evidence relevant to the legal relocation factors.

BEST USED
WHEN

Use this before giving relocation notice, objecting to a move or preparing a mobility proposal.

ALBERTA LEGAL CHECKPOINT

A workable parenting proposal starts with the child's best interests, then translates them into ordinary-life details: school nights, decisions, transportation, information and conflict safeguards. For married parents using the Divorce Act, a move that would significantly affect a child's relationships can trigger formal relocation rules, including advance notice requirements.

Primary source: [Justice Canada: Moving after separation or divorce](#)

PREPARED FOR

DATE

1 Complete what you know

2 Mark gaps and assumptions

3 Attach supporting records

THE PRACTICE LENS

Relocation analysis is not a contest between two cities. We build a concrete version of the child's life under each outcome and test every promise that depends on a school, employer, caregiver, flight schedule or another person's cooperation.

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

A Calgary-to-Edmonton move may bring a better job and family support, but the proposal also needs a school plan, realistic winter travel, costs, missed-flight contingencies and a schedule that preserves the child's relationship with the other parent. A confirmed offer and travel calendar carry more weight than hopeful estimates.

Describe the actual proposal

Use short factual notes. If an answer is uncertain, write what would confirm it.

1. What is the proposed location, move date and reason for moving?

2. Where will the child live, attend school, receive healthcare and participate in activities?

3. What employment, housing and family support is confirmed rather than hoped for?

4. What will travel cost, who will arrange it and how will weather or cancellations be handled?

5. What parenting schedule is proposed for the other parent during school, holidays and summer?

Evidence map

Use one row per issue and identify the source for every important number or date.

Factor	Evidence available	Evidence needed
Child's relationship with each parent		
History of caregiving		
Education and healthcare		
Family and cultural supports		
Travel feasibility and cost		
Each parent's ability to support contact		
Child's views, where appropriate		

Stress-test both outcomes

Use short factual notes. If an answer is uncertain, write what would confirm it.

1. If the move is approved, what becomes harder for the child and how can it be reduced?

2. If the move is refused, what realistic plan allows the child and moving parent to remain?

3. Which assumptions depend on another person, employer or school and can they be confirmed?

4. What is the strongest concern with your proposal and what evidence addresses it?

5. Is any temporary arrangement being mistaken for a final solution?

CONSULTATION AND EXPERT HANDOFF

You do not need every blank filled. Mark the three items that matter most, attach the records you relied on and use this handoff to identify the next decision.

STATUS	☐ Ready to discuss ☐ Missing records ☐ Deadline or urgent issue
NEXT REAL DEADLINE	
RECORD OR ANSWER STILL NEEDED	
DECISION I NEED HELP WITH	

Questions and assumptions to test

1.

2.

3.

Working notes

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