

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Advice for Parents

What is Marriage and Civil Partnership?

Marriage is the legally or formally recognized union of two people as partners in a personal relationship. Civil Partnership is a legally recognized union with rights similar to those of marriage and was created originally for same-sex couples in jurisdictions where they were not legally allowed to marry. Since June 2018 civil partnerships have been legal for both male/female and same-sex couples. gay marriage was made legal in England, Scotland and Wales in 2013 .

The difference between an arranged marriage and a forced marriage:

Arranged marriages are marriages in which not the couple, but rather their parents or other family members decide that the marriage should take place. There are pros and cons to an arranged marriage.

Forced marriage is illegal in the UK and it is NOT the same as an arranged marriage. A forced marriage is a marriage where one of the parties to the marriage does not have the capacity (the ability to understand what marriage means) or does not consent (say YES) to a marriage.

For more information and advice on forced marriages, please click this link:

[Forced Marriage in the UK – Official Website of the National Commission on Forced Marriage \(forcedmarriagecommission.co.uk\)](https://forcedmarriagecommission.co.uk)

Divorce In The UK:

STATS AND FACTS



Our infographic uncovers some surprising stats and facts about divorce in the UK. For example:

42% of marriages now end in divorce

Click the image to the left for information and advice on divorce.

Reasons people might not want to marry:

Focusing on other things

Financial reasons

Marrying a partner may not be legal and/or seen as something that isn't ok.

A preference for non-monogamy

Rules and expectations

Just don't want to

Bad experiences with marriage in the past

Disagree with the concept of marriage