

Here are just a few of the reasons why sole custody is CHILD ABUSE

It deprives the child of the protection of the other parent.

In the event of physical or emotional abuse by the custodial parent, the non-custodial parent is not even allowed to take the child to a health care professional. In fact, this is one of the ways in which abusive custodial parents prevent their abuse from being discovered. When the children report abuse to their other parent, the other parent can do nothing!

Makes one parent less of a parent than the other

Many custodial parents use their sole custodial status to put the other parent down. Many good parents who have lost custody of their children are deemed to be a bad parent by society just because of their custodial status.

Sets a bad example for the child

Society speaks about how important it is that we raise children that are caring and willing to share. Yet what kind of example are we setting for children of divorce when we show them that the family courts routinely breed unfairness and injustice. Just what kind of example are we showing them. How can children learn to be fair and just when courts show by example that it is OK to make one parent the winner and one parent the loser.

Creates difficulties for the non-custodial parent

Non-custodial parents face a huge number of problems. Often they are prevented from attending their children's school or to attend events at the school. Non-custodial parents are prevented from taking the children out of the country and at any time they want to take the children somewhere, they must beg on their knees to the custodial parent. Non-custodial parents are at the mercy of custodial

parents, similar to what the slaves in the USA during the times of slavery.

Gives absolute power and control to only one parent.

Sole custody is nothing but power and control over the other parent. While many women's groups claim that power and control are one of the signs of an abusive partner, it seems that the courts promote the abuse of power and control when a couple separate by giving it all to just one parent (usually the mother).

It helps to promote domestic violence

When one parent gets all the power and control over the children and the other parent gets nothing, the seeds of violence are set in place. Few things in life will make a parent angrier than to lose all rights to their own children. When a parent sees that the courts are not willing to deal out justice, then some feel that they must take the law into their own hands. This may include murder and/or suicide. Some women report being advised by the legal council to create conflict prior to going to court just so that the judge will grant them sole custody of the children.

It violates Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Our charter of Rights and Freedoms says that both men and women are to be treated equally. Yet with sole custody one parent gets more rights to their children than the other. Sole custody is not equality. Sole custody is not fairness. Sole custody is in contravention of the most basic human rights in this country.

It is not in the best interest of children

If you speak to most children of divorce, many will say that they want to have meaningful relationships with both of their parents. Sole custody generally interferes with this by putting one parent in control over the children's time with the other parent and in many cases this power is abused. Sole custody just is not in the best interest of children!

Below, are some of the indicators of an hostile-aggressive sole custodial parent.

- Parent has moved from their original community sometime after their separation with their former partner.
- Have made claims of sexual or physical abuse of the children against their former partner.
- Complain that their former partner does not give them enough money
- Still live with the children in the former family home.
- Children lack social skills such as discipline, respect or may be anti-social.
- Parent is collecting welfare
- Children spend little or no time at their non-custodial parent's home
- Have no pictures of their former partner with the children in their house
- The non-custodial parent is not allowed to visit the school where the children attend.
- Push children to be close to a new partner
- Children never or seldom call the non-custodial parent from the custodial parent's home
- Non-custodial parent unable to call the custodial parent's home to speak to the children.
- Prevents any new partner from having contact with the non-custodial parent.
- Will insist on supervised exchanges at an exchange center even when children are older.
- Children have little or no contact with non-custodial parent's family.

If you know of a sole custodial parent where one or more of the above signs are present, the chances are that this parent is a **child abuser!** The judge who granted sole custody to the abusive and controlling parent is also a child abuser as well!

GET INFORMED!

Every year thousands of parents are given sole custody of the children without any good reason whatsoever!

Every year thousands of parents initiate separation from their partners. For couples who are married, our no-fault divorce laws make breaking up a marriage inviting. Between men and women, statistics show that women are the largest initiators of separation and/or divorce.

In fact, the vast majority of separations are initiated by parents who have little respect for a commitment to another person, have no family values and just want to enjoy the single life, yet enjoy all the benefits as if they were still in a relationship. These parents who walk away from their commitments to their partners, however, still insist when they go to the court that they get sole custody of the children.

Many of these parents kick their former partner out of the family home, rob them of their bank accounts and on top of that abscond with the children to get their revenge on their former partner.

The other parent is left with emotional scars and robbed of all dignity.

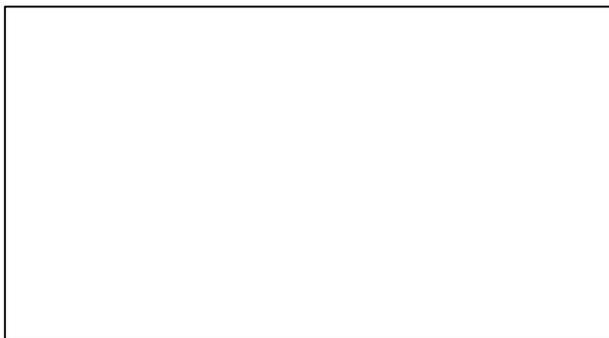
Sole custody in most cases is CHILD ABUSE and it is one of the first and most easy way to spot an abusive parent who is unwilling to share their children or to be fair with the children's other parent.

Parents who are not willing to share custody of their children in a fairly and equitably with the other parent are doing so in most cases because they want power and control over the children and control over the other parent.

Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Sole Custody is absolute power. Sole custody corrupts absolutely. Sole custody is child abuse!

Children need the love and protection of BOTH of their parents, not just one of them!

This brochure has been produced by the parents and grandparents of family members who have had their lives and the lives of their children destroyed by vindictive and controlling sole custodial parents who abuse their children and former spouses with had the help and support of the biased and corrupt family court system



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Information about how sole custody deprives children of the love and protection they need and the indicators of a hostile-aggressive custodial parent.