

Family Safety Questions

If you have any concerns about getting child support safely, the New York State Child Support Program is here to help you. We have resources, policies, and procedures designed to help you access our services in a safer manner. We ask everyone applying for child support these questions to help us provide the right services.

Completing this form is voluntary. If you answer yes to any of the following questions, there are options available that can make this process safer. You can talk privately with a child support worker about steps to help keep you and the children safe during this process. Any information you provide will be kept confidential, except if there is reason to believe the children are being harmed or in imminent danger.

Your answers to the questions below will not be shared with the other parent. We will not share personal details like addresses, employment information, or contact information with either parent. **However**, the name of the county in which you apply for services will be included in court documents or orders.

1. Would you be concerned for the safety of yourself or the children if the other parent knew your address, where you work, or how to contact you?
Yes No
2. When we open a child support case, we contact the other parent to get information such as employment and income. Do you have any concerns we should know about before contacting them?
Yes No
3. We may need to schedule genetic testing that could be at the same time and location for both parents. Do you have any safety concerns about meeting together with the children and the other parent?
Yes No
4. To collect court-ordered child support, the Child Support Program will deduct money directly from a parent's paycheck. We can also take actions like suspending driver licenses, intercepting State and federal tax returns, denying passports, and suspending professional and recreational licenses (e.g., medical or law license, hunting, fishing, etc.) if the parent does not pay their support. Would any of these actions put you or the children at risk of physical, emotional and/or financial harm?
Yes No
5. To establish or change your child support order, you may need to give testimony (share information) to a judge in court as part of a child support hearing. Do you have any concerns about appearing in court?
Yes No
6. Do you have safety concerns about you or the children having contact with the other parent for visitation?
Yes No

Additional information about our safety options is available in the document titled *Getting Child Support Safely: What You Should Know.*

Residents of NYC: see the document titled

Information For All Potential Child Support Applicants About Getting Child Support Safely.

Situations change and your safety is always a priority.

You may change your answers to these questions at any time by contacting your child support worker.