

Types of Child Custody in Minnesota

Under Minnesota law, there are two types of child custody.

1. **"Legal custody"** refers to the right to make decisions about how to raise the child, including decisions about education, health care, and religious training.
2. **"Physical Custody"** refers to the right to make decisions about the routine day-to-day activities of the child and where the child lives.

Depending on several factors, parents may share custody, which is often called **"joint"** physical and/or legal custody. Or, one of them may have **"sole"** physical and/or legal custody. **NOTE:** The custody arrangement could be different for each child in a family.

"Joint legal custody" means that both parents share the responsibility for making decisions regarding how to raise the child, including the right to participate in major decisions about the child's education, health care, and religious training.

"Joint physical custody" means that the routine daily care and control and the residence of the child is structured between both of the parents.