

Divorces are No-fault in California

The purpose of this brief note is to inform service members and their spouses who may be contemplating marital separation or divorce on one area of California's no fault divorce law.

"No-fault" divorce is any divorce where the spouse suing for divorce does not have to prove that the other spouse did anything wrong. All states now allow divorce regardless of fault.

To get a no-fault divorce, one spouse must simply state a reason recognized by the state. In most states it's enough to declare that the couple cannot get along (this goes by such names as "incompatibility, "irreconcilable differences" or "irremediable breakdown of the marriage"). In about 10 states, however, they must have been living apart for a period of months or even years.

To make an appointment, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 242-5083/4, Building 275. Be sure you obtain and read our dissolution handout before your appointment.