

Marital vs. Separate Property: A Complete Guide

Understanding what property is divisible in a divorce can save you significant stress and cost. This guide will clarify key concepts to help protect your assets.

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What Counts as Marital Property?

Assets Acquired During Marriage

All income, property, and investments obtained after your wedding date. This applies regardless of who earned it.

Retirement & Investments

401(k) contributions, pensions, and investment accounts funded during the marriage. These are typically divisible.

Shared Purchases

Homes, vehicles, furniture, and business interests developed after marriage. Courts view these as joint assets.

What Counts as Separate Property?

Pre-Marriage Assets

Property owned before your wedding date remains yours after divorce.

Gifts & Inheritances

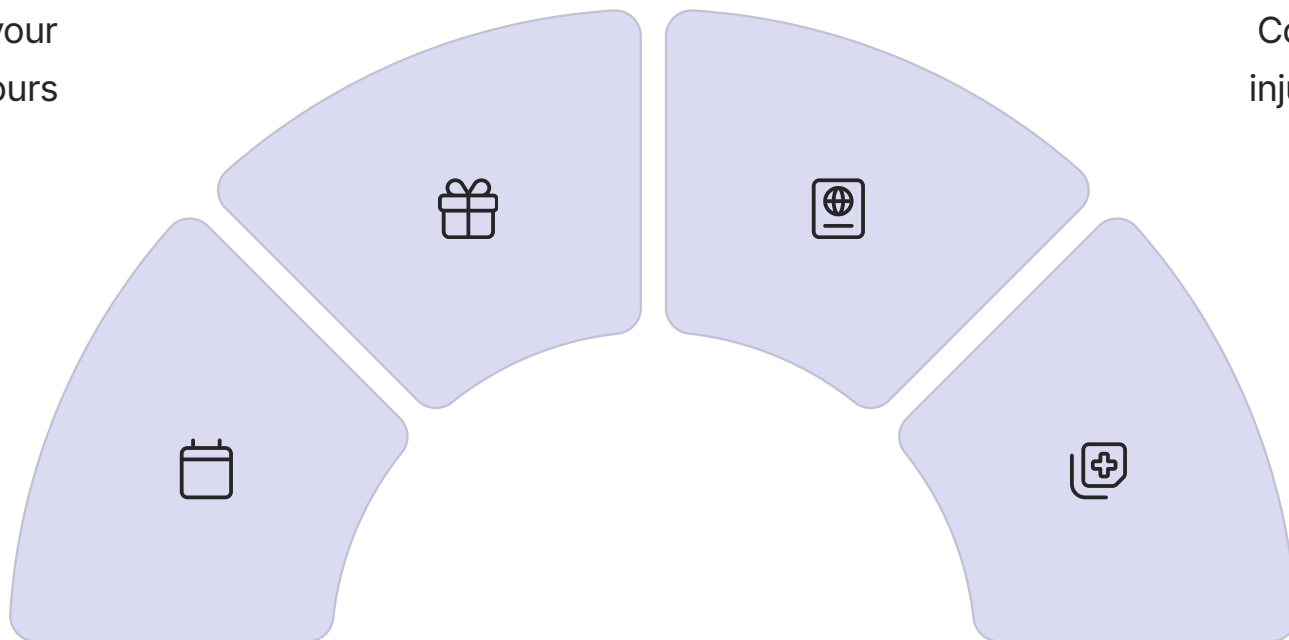
Items given specifically to you stay yours if kept separate from marital assets.

Protected Assets

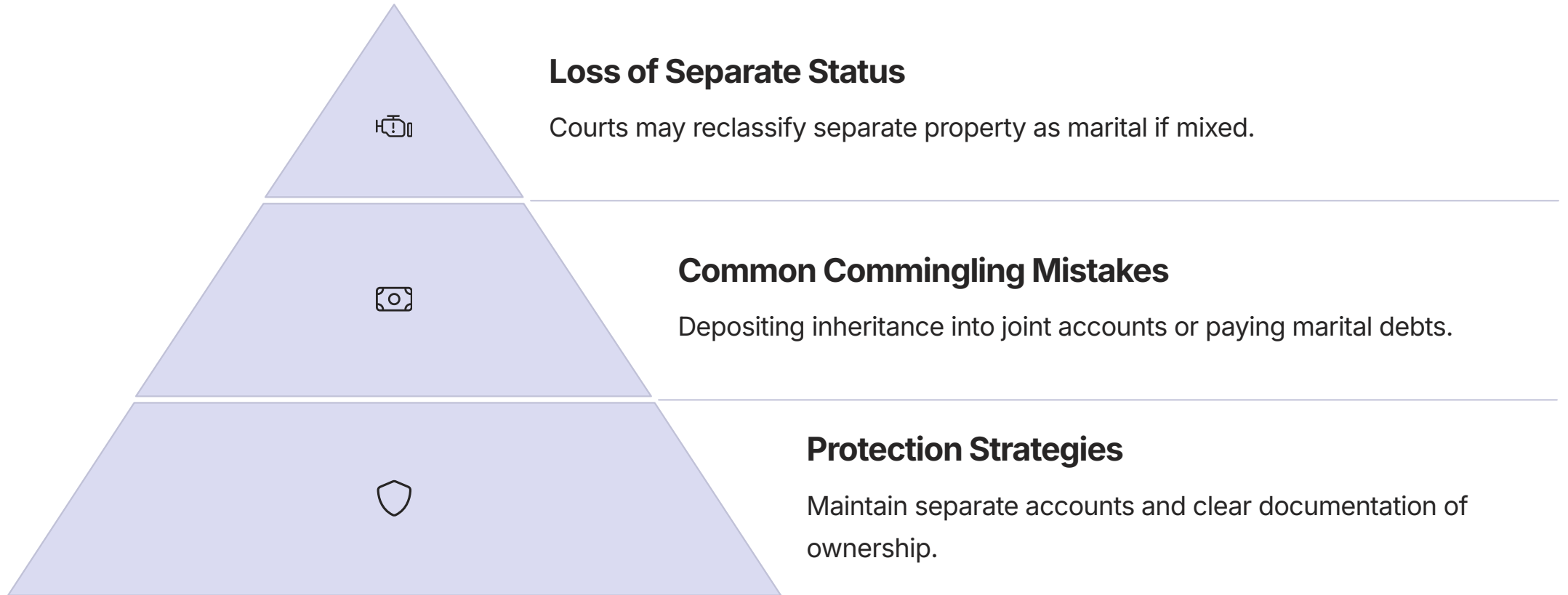
Property covered by prenuptial agreements or postnuptial contracts.

Personal Settlements

Compensation for personal injuries, excluding lost wage portions.



The Danger of Commingling Assets



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Navigating New Jersey's complex asset division laws requires expert guidance to minimize both emotional and financial strain during divorce. Generic online calculators provide only surface-level estimates, while your financial future demands personalized legal strategies tailored to your specific situation and goals.

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