



Will Santa still come?

Christmas can be a stressful time for children of separated parents. One common concern is whether Santa will be able to find them at their "other" house. And sadly, too many separated parents fuel this fear.

For separated parents, Christmas can also be a sad time. One of you won't have the excitement of waking up with your children on Christmas Day, there may be anxiety around changeover arrangements if you split the day in half and celebrating Christmas with your extended family, but without your kids, is unlikely to be the happy day it once was.

It'll never be easy, but here are some tips so that Christmas continues to be a joyous occasion for you and your children.

- Put your children first. If they don't want to abandon their shiny new toy 5 minutes after receiving it when they have to go to their other parent, let them take it with them.
- Plan early. If you know your kids will be with you on Christmas Eve or Boxing Day instead of Christmas Day itself, speak to your extended family about accommodating a happy Christmas event around that time.
- If you can, plan a present opening together with your ex so your kids can enjoy Christmas with both of you, even if it's only for a short time.
- If you share Christmas Day, avoid conflict or distress for your kids at changeover.



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