

What to Expect on a Professional Supervised Visit?

On a professional supervised visitation, you can expect a neutral third party to monitor the visit to ensure the child's safety, which includes being present and attentive.

What to expect from the supervisor

- **Constant monitoring:** The supervisor will be present and must be able to see and hear the interaction between you and the child at all times.
- **Enforcement of rules:** They will ensure that you follow the specific rules set by the court, such as not using insults or corporal punishment, and will intervene if you violate them.
- **Reporting:** The supervisor is a mandated reporter and will report any suspected child abuse or violations of the court order to the court or relevant authorities.
- **Intervention:** They have the authority to end a visit early if they have concerns about the child's safety or if the rules are not being followed.
- **Documentation:** They will document the visit and provide a report to the court detailing how the visit went and if any issues occurred.

What to expect during the visit

- **Follow court orders:** You will need to follow the specific guidelines from your court order, which may vary depending on the case.
- **Rules may apply:** The supervisor may enforce specific rules, such as restrictions on physical contact, taking photos, or exchanging gifts or notes.
- **Behavioral requirements:** You may be required to arrive on time and not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the visit.
- **Child's behavior:** The supervisor will be watching and listening to the child's behavior as well, and they may pay special attention to how the child is doing.
- **Activities:** You will be encouraged to interact with your child through conversation and activities, within the boundaries of the court order and the supervisor's rules.