



Divorce Drama!

The Lifetime Love Panel helps a mom forced to play "bad cop" by her ex and his new wife.

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Q: What should I say when my kids — who stay with my ex-husband and his new wife every other weekend — say, "But Dad lets me do it at his place!"?
—*Kelly, Dallas*

The Lifetime Love Panel responds:

What you should tell your children is that they are living under "two roofs," and the rules in Mom's house might differ from those at Dad's. Tell the kids, "What that means is that you need to respect both Mom's rules (when at her home) and Dad's rules (when at his house)." What would be best, however, is to meet with your ex and discuss what the general rules ought to be in both homes, to keep the children from getting confused and also to keep them from pitting one parent against the other. —*Family law specialist Stacy Phillips*

