

302 SEPARATE PARENTS AND SEPARATE VERDICTS IN TERMINATION PROCEEDINGS

There are grounds alleged as to both parents in this case. You must consider the evidence against each parent separately and consider the evidence as to each ground separately. Each parent is entitled to separate consideration. Your verdict as to each ground should be based solely upon the evidence or lack of evidence as to that ground and should be made in accordance with my instructions on the law and without regard to whether grounds as to another parent has or has not been proved.

COMMENT

This instruction and comment were approved in 2004. The comment was updated in 2016.

For a discussion of the need for separate verdicts for each child, each parent, and each ground, see the Committee Commentary to Wis JI-Children 150.