

Brad Pitt 'saddened' by Angelina Jolie divorce

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Actor Brad Pitt has said he is "very saddened" that his wife Angelina Jolie has filed for divorce and has asked for privacy on their children's behalf.

"I am very saddened by this, but what matters most now is the well-being of our kids," he told [People magazine](#).

"I kindly ask the press to give them the space they deserve during this challenging time."

Jolie, 41, filed for divorce from Pitt, 52, citing irreconcilable differences on Monday.

Her lawyer, Robert Offer, said the decision had been made "for the health of the family".

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It is understood Jolie is seeking physical custody of the couple's six children and asking the judge to give Pitt visitation rights.

Speculation is mounting over the causes behind the split, with one newspaper claiming Jolie was "upset with Pitt's parenting skills".

Ms Jolie's long-time manager Geyser Kosinski [told E! Online](#): "Angelina will always do what's in the best interest of taking care of her family."

Madame Tussauds in London marked the split by announcing [on Twitter](#) that its mannequins of the pair have been separated. Twilight actor Robert Pattinson appears to have been placed between them.



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Following the news that has shocked celebrity watchers worldwide, we can confirm we have separated Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's figures.



Pitt and Jolie - nicknamed "Brangelina" by fans - married in 2014, 10 years after meeting on the set of 2005 film Mr & Mrs Smith.

It was Pitt's second marriage, having previously wed Friends star Jennifer Aniston, and Jolie's third after actors Billy Bob Thornton and Jonny Lee Miller.

Singer Adele is among those to comment on the split, [dedicating a concert in New York](#) on Tuesday to the Hollywood couple.

The 28-year-old told an audience at Madison Square Garden she had been "shocked" by the news and that it felt "like the end of an era".



The couple appeared in 2015's marital drama *By the Sea*, written and directed by Jolie / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Jon Voight, Jolie's actor father, also expressed sadness, saying whatever caused the split "must have been pretty severe".

George Clooney, who worked with Pitt on *Ocean's Eleven* and its sequels, expressed surprise when asked about the matter.

"I feel very sorry to hear that," he told reporters at a United Nations event. "It's an unfortunate story about a family."

Billy Bob Thornton, however, made no comment at a Hollywood event honouring actress Kathy Bates on Tuesday.

The actor, who was married to Jolie from 2000 to 2003, left quickly afterwards, avoiding questions from waiting reporters.

Pitt and Jolie most recently worked together on 2015 film *By the Sea*, a relationship drama about a couple trying to repair their marriage.
