

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ADULT GUARDIANSHIP**

**TO:** .....  
(Name of adult for whom a guardianship order is being sought)

***Why are you getting this information?***

An application is being made to the Supreme Court of British Columbia for the appointment of a person to make decisions for you about your

.....  
(Personal care, health care and/or financial affairs – fill in all that apply)

This person is known as a guardian.

***Who is applying for a guardian to be appointed?***

The application is being made by .....  
(Name of applicant)

The person proposed as your guardian is .....  
(Name of proposed guardian/s)

***How is a guardian appointed?***

A judge will hold a hearing to decide whether a guardian should be appointed for you.

You have a right to be at that hearing.

***How will the judge decide?***

The judge will appoint a guardian if he or she is satisfied that all of these conditions exist:

- that decisions have to be made about your personal care, health care, and/or your financial affairs;
- that you are incapable of making those decisions – in other words, you cannot make those decisions or carry them out by yourself;
- that you need and will benefit from the help and protection of a guardian; and
- that your needs cannot be met in other ways.

***Do you have a say?***

If you believe that any of these conditions do not apply to you, or you want a different person appointed as your guardian, you can disagree with the application.

For example, you could show that you do not need a guardian or that there are other ways of meeting your needs. Or, you can show that a different person would be a better guardian.

If you disagree with the application, you may wish to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

***Can the judge's order be changed later?***

If a judge appoints a guardian for you and you later believe that the guardian is not needed or that you should have a different guardian, you can ask a judge to review the appointment. On review, the judge may cancel or change the guardianship order.

Any person can ask for a review for you.

***How can a lawyer be contacted?***

If you choose to consult a lawyer and need help finding one, you can call the Lawyer Referral Service at 604.687.3221 or toll free in BC at 1.800.663.1919.