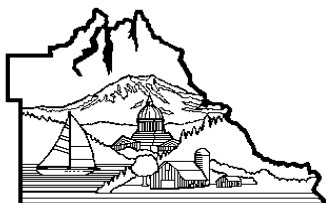


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MINOR GUARDIANSHIP CUSTODY

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- ✓ A Guardian needs to be appointed for a minor child
- ✓ The parents are in agreement; OR no parent is willing or able to provide for the minor
- ✓ The child or any interested party may file



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HOW TO FILE FOR MINOR GUARDIANSHIP CUSTODY

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- You want to file a case asking the court to appoint a guardian for a minor;
- Neither parent is able or willing to provide for the support, care, education, health, safety and welfare of a child under age 18;
- Additional forms are available at www.courts.wa.gov if you need to ask the court to withhold certain documents from the minor and/or appoint a Guardian Ad Litem or Court Visitor
- If you seek an emergency guardian that will last 60 days or less, you should file an *Emergency Minor Guardianship Petition* instead. (form GDN M 202)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are seeking custody of a child who is or may be an Indian child as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC § 1903, notice of this action must be given in accordance with 25 U.S.C. § 1912 (a). Please review additional packet on “Indian Child Welfare Notice.”

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.