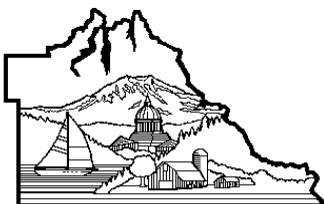


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EMERGENCY MINOR GUARDIANSHIP

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- ✓ You need an Immediate Order appointing a guardian for a minor child
- ✓ Appointment of an emergency guardian is likely to prevent substantial harm to the minor's health, safety, or welfare; and
- ✓ No other person appears to have authority and willingness to act in the circumstances
- ✓ The child or any interested party may file



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HOW TO FILE FOR EMERGENCY MINOR GUARDIANSHIP

CHECKLIST

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

- You need an Immediate Order appointing an emergency guardian for a minor;
- Appointment of an emergency guardian is necessary to prevent substantial harm to the minor's health, safety, or welfare; and
- Neither parent is able or willing to provide for the support, care, education, health, safety and welfare of the child(ren)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The duration of authority of an emergency guardian for a minor may not exceed sixty days. That authority may be extended once for not more than sixty days if the court finds good cause (RCW 11.130.225). If you need a longer appointment, then you must start a new case to file for Minor Guardianship Custody (RCW 11.130.185).

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.