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If you want to Report Fraud or Abuse by a Guardian, call or contact:

- 1) **Nevada State Guardianship Compliance Office:** 1-833-421-7711
email: NVGCO@nvcourts.nv.gov
2. **Clark County Guardianship Compliance Office:** 702-671-4614
email: guardianshipcompliance@clarkcountycourts.us
3. **Adult Protective Services:** Las Vegas/Clark County 702-486-6930
Statewide/All other areas 1-888-729-0571
4. **Child Protective Services:** Statewide: 1-833-803-1183
Clark County: 702-399-0081 - Washoe County: 1-833-900-7233

If you want to learn about the supported decision making alternatives available in Nevada, call or contact:

NDALC—Reno office at 775-333-7878 – Nevada Relay: 711 – reno@ndalc.org

NDALC—Elko Office: 775-777-1590 - Nevada Relay: 711 – elko@ndalc.org

NDALC—Las Vegas: 702-257-8150 - Nevada Relay: 711 – lasvegas@ndalc.org

About NDALC

The Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) is a private, statewide non-profit organization that serves as Nevada's federally-mandated protection and advocacy system for human, legal, and service rights for individuals with disabilities. Services include, but are not limited to: information and referral services, education, training, negotiation, mediation, investigation of reported or suspected abuse/neglect, legal counsel, technical assistance, and public policy work.

NDALC has offices in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko with services provided statewide. All services are offered at no cost to eligible individuals in accordance with NDALC's available resources and service priorities.

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Your Rights While Under Guardianship

In Nevada, when you turn 18 you legally become an adult. You have the right to make choices to the best of your abilities despite any disability (such as mental illness, intellectual, developmental disability, or a physical disability).

Disclaimer

*The following is reference/resource information **only** and is in no way intended to provide legal advice. Readers should direct questions concerning their specific situations to the assistance centers listed at the end of this publication.*

What is Guardianship?

Guardianship is a legal process where a court will transfer **your Rights** to another person to make decisions regarding your overall care, including but not limited to: healthcare, living situation, and financial matters. Since guardianship strips away your rights to make choices, it should be considered as “a last resort”. If you need help to make a decision it does not necessarily mean you need a guardian as there are less restrictive options to assist with your decision-making needs.

Please call **Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC)** to learn more about other decision-making alternatives available in Nevada.

NDALC wants you to know that your Rights are protected by the United States Constitution, the Nevada State Constitution, and the Nevada State Law while under guardianship. ([See NRS Chapter 159](#))

Your Rights While Under Guardianship

- ⇒ To be represented by an attorney
- ⇒ To receive notice of all guardianship proceedings and a copy of all documents filed
- ⇒ To have someone you trust to speak, or raise any concern on your behalf during a court hearing
- ⇒ To ask questions, express concerns and complaints about the guardian and/or his/her actions
- ⇒ To participate in developing a plan of your care, including managing your assets, personal property, where you want to live, and the way you want to receive services
- ⇒ To consider your current or past personal wishes, preferences for health care, medical treatment, religious, and moral beliefs
- ⇒ To receive timely, effective, and appropriate health care and medical treatment that does not violate your Rights
- ⇒ To remain as independent as possible
- ⇒ To receive the highest degree of freedom

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- ⇒ To be treated with respect, dignity, and fairness by your guardian
- ⇒ To engage in any activity that the Court has not expressly reserved for the Guardian like working, voting, traveling, marrying, entering into a domestic partnership, and having a driver’s license, among others
- ⇒ To maintain privacy and confidentiality in your personal matters that the Court has not expressly reserved for the Guardian
- ⇒ To receive phone calls, open your own mail, and have friends
- ⇒ To get a detailed report on how your monies and properties are being managed
- ⇒ To ask the Court to: a) review any management activity made by the Guardian; b) review the need for your Guardianship, or to modify it, or to terminate it; c) replace your Guardian, and d) enter an order restoring your capacity, if permissible

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If you have questions about Guardianship proceedings contact:

1) Northern Nevada:

- a. **Family Division Self-Help Center:** Second Judicial District Court – One South Sierra, 1st Floor, Reno , NV 89501 Ph: 775-325-6731
www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/SelfHelp
- b. **Washoe Legal Services:** 299 S. Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89501 Ph: 775-329-2727 - www.washoelegalservices.org

2) Southern Nevada:

- a) **Family Law Self-Help Center (Clark County):** Family Courts and Services Center - 601 N. Pecos, Las Vegas, NV 89155
www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org
- b) **Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada:** 725 E Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89104 - Ph: 702-386-1070 - www.lacsn.org