

How to file a complaint against the Guardian

These instructions explain how to file a complaint against the current guardian.

- Filing a complaint will make the court aware of a problem
- This is not a substitute for a request to modify a guardianship or remove a guardian.

Talk to a lawyer, if you can

These instructions have been developed by the King County Superior Court Family Law Information Center. They are not intended to be a substitute for legal advice. They provide only legal *information*. It's a good idea to talk to a lawyer before you file any forms. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you can:

- Find a lawyer to help you with the *most difficult* parts of your case, such as reviewing your forms, explaining how to get ready for court and confirming this is the best legal action for your case. You can contact the King County Bar Association to ask for a referral.
- Ask the Family Law Facilitator's office for a list of low-cost and free legal resources.

King County Superior Court
516 3rd Ave, Room W-382
Seattle, WA 98104

Maleng Regional Justice Center
401 4th Ave North, Room 3D
Kent, WA 98032

Step 1: Fill out these forms

Download these forms at:

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/?fa=forms.static&staticID=14#Guardianship>

Form name	Form number	Notes	Completed
Guardianship Complaint	WPF GDN 08.0100	Fill out with as much detail as you would like the court to know about your concerns and your proposed solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guardianship Complaint Coversheet	WPF GDN 08.0150		<input type="checkbox"/>

Step 2: How many copies do I need?

Original set to file with Clerk's office

Copy 1 is for your records

Copy 2 is to serve on the incapacitated person IF you're asking to modify or terminate the guardianship

Step 3: Take your completed forms to the Clerk's office and file them.

File with the Clerk (2C in Kent and E-609 in Seattle) the originals of all papers from Step 1

Step 4: Wait for a response from the court.

Within 15 days of filing your complaint with the court, the court must respond. Their response may:

- Order the Guardian to Show Cause before the court to respond to your complaint
- Appoint a Guardian ad Litem to investigate the issues raised in your complaint & take any emergency action necessary to protect the incapacitated person
- Dismiss the complaint without scheduling a hearing.
- Order the Guardian to file a report with the court to respond to your complaint
- Defer hearing the concerns until the next guardianship hearing, if one is scheduled within the following 3 months
- Order other action, as the court deems necessary to protect the incapacitated person.