



## Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians

### What would happen to my children, if something happened to me?

*Have you ever considered what your children's lifestyle would be like if, in the event of your death or incapacity, you and your partner were no longer able to perform the role of a parent?*

*Most people feel uncomfortable even thinking about this scenario, but unfortunately, we cannot ignore this possibility.*

*More and more people are recognising the importance of planning for these matters, and the reassurance that comes with knowing that they have done all they can for the needs of their children.*

*Imagine the comfort you could bring to your children and their guardian simply by taking the time to plan for this contingency, by preparing a set of 'Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians'.*

### What are 'guidelines for Testamentary Guardians'?

This is a document outlining you're carefully thought out instructions for the guardians of your children. It is especially designed to assist the guardian of your children when it is time for them to make decisions about how to raise your children, and the types of opportunities you would like your children to have.

Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians are fast becoming popular, particularly for young families.

### What do Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians deal with?

The Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians outline your wishes in relation to a wide range of matters concerning their welfare, upbringing and the desired influences you would like your children to experience.

People usually deal with an expansive range of matters, from education, to naming the people you would like to have involvement with your children, travel, recreation activities, family and cultural values, living environment and so on. You can make your Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians as detailed or as simplistic as you like.

### What if I do not prepare Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians?

Then the guardian is left to their own devices in raising your children. Obviously your guardians would not have the same insight into your children's personalities as you do, and could only perhaps guess what your wishes would have been. This could leave the guardian and your children feeling anxious at a time when they are already suffering.



## What can we do for you?

We would be happy to discuss Guidelines for Testamentary Guardians with you. It is prudent to consider this when you are making Wills, Powers of Attorney or even when reviewing these. Together these tools work to bring about peace of mind when planning your family affairs.

## Who should I contact for more information?

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