

# Plan Now to Protect Your Future

The Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia protects the interests of people who are no longer capable of managing their legal matters, finances or making health and personal care decisions. We assist thousands of British Columbians each year. We also administer the estates of people who die without a will and have no one who is willing and able to act for them.

We encourage you to think about your future. One day you may need help managing on your own. It is also a good idea to think about the eventual distribution of your estate. We encourage you to consider the following steps:

**1. PREPARE A LIST OR INVENTORY OF VITAL INFORMATION.**

Store the list in your safety deposit box or other safe place. It is then available to assist your family or friends in locating important people or property in the event of an emergency.

**2. CONSIDER THE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU** should you become mentally incapable of managing your finances or legal matters. These options include making a Representation Agreement, Enduring Power of Attorney, Trustee of Pension Income and Committee (pronounced kaw-mit-tea). They are explained in our “How You Can Help People Manage Finances and Legal Matters When They Cannot Manage On Their Own” booklet.

**3. CHOOSE AN EXECUTOR AND MAKE A WILL.** If there is no one who you feel comfortable naming as your executor, the Public Guardian and Trustee can act in that capacity.

Take time to plan now! You can ensure a safe and secure future for yourself and those you love.

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