



Contact the Public Guardian and Trustee

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Toll free calling is available through
Service BC. After dialing the appropriate
number for your area below, request to
be transferred to the PGT.

Vancouver 604-660-2421
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PGT hours of operation
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

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I am a youth in care

Information for youth in
continuing care of the
province of B.C.



PGT Public Guardian
and Trustee
of British Columbia

What does this really mean?

Property guardian

A property guardian looks after the finances and legal issues for a child or youth under 19.

When we are your property guardian, we apply for any financial awards or benefits you are entitled to collect. We also talk with your social worker, foster parent or any important adult who helps you. If you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact the Child and Youth Services division.

Financial benefits

When we are your property guardian, we apply for the financial awards or benefits you may be entitled to collect. To do this, we gather information from your social worker that helps us to apply for the benefits that you are entitled to get.

For example, we ask your social worker to tell us if your parent is receiving Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Disability Benefits or if your parent has passed away. Why? Because you might be eligible to receive CPP benefits too. If you are eligible, you can receive these monthly benefits up to age 18. If you are in school from age 18 to 25, you may be eligible to continue receiving these benefits while you are in school.

If you are in the continuing care of the province of B.C., then you have a property guardian and that is the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT). This means that the PGT is responsible for your legal and financial affairs.

If you are eligible to receive these, or any other benefits, our office applies for and receives them on your behalf, holding them in trust for you.

Protective legal reviews

If you are injured while in care of the Province, then you should reach out to a trusted adult or official to get help and get to a place of safety. Report the incident to your social worker. Your social worker is responsible for sharing this information with the PGT. Social workers send a report about the incident that caused your injury to the PGT.

We review the information and will often speak with a lawyer at the PGT to find out if there might be a legal claim to make on your behalf. The types of injuries your social worker tells us about include:

- Injuries from a car accident
- An accident at school
- A physical or sexual assault or
- Some other kind of injury or harm

Please feel free to check in with your social worker or directly with us to make sure that the PGT has the most current information about you.