



# Guardianship

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## WHAT IS GUARDIANSHIP?

A **guardian** is a person who has the legal right and duty to take care of a minor or a minor's property. In Connecticut, a person under the age of eighteen is considered to be a minor. Guardianship results either by virtue of the role as parent of the minor or appointment by a probate court or other court of competent jurisdiction. This right and duty includes the obligation of care and control of that minor and his property and the authority to make major decisions affecting the minor's welfare. In Connecticut, **conservators**, not guardians, manage the estate or personal care of adults who are deemed incapable of managing their own affairs.

Persons with intellectual disability may be totally or partially unable to meet essential requirements for their physical health or safety and/or unable to make informed decisions about matters related to their care. In such cases, the Probate Court is authorized to appoint a guardian to supervise all aspects or certain aspects of the care of an adult with intellectual disability.

Visit the website to link to the "Probate Court User Guide Guardianship's of Minors" document: <http://www.ctprobate.gov/Documents/User%20Guide%20Guardians%20of%20Minors.pdf>

For more information on the "Connecticut Law About Guardianship", visit the Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries website page at, <http://www.jud.ct.gov/lawlib/law/guardianship.htm>

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SOURCE: Connecticut Law Libraries Judicial Site; Connecticut Probate Court's, "Probate Court User Guide for Guardians of Minors"

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