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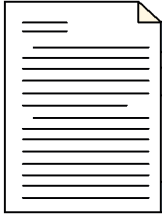
## Things your guardian should do

This fact sheet has some hard words.

The first time we write hard words

- the words are in **blue**
- we will write what the hard words mean.

## About this fact sheet

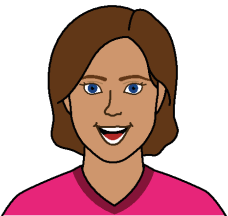


This fact sheet is about the National Standards of Public Guardianship.

In this fact sheet we call them **the Standards**.

## The Standards

The Standards are things your **guardian** should do.



A guardian is a person who makes a decision for you.



- This means your guardian chooses for you.
- For example, your guardian may choose where you will live.

When your guardian chooses, they will find out what you think.

## If you need a guardian



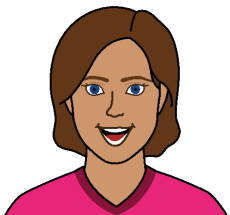
A **Tribunal or Board** decides if you need a guardian.

Tribunals and Boards make decisions about who needs a guardian.

## Who can be your guardian?

Your guardian can be:

- someone from your family
- your friend
- your unpaid carer.



The **Public Guardian** or the **Public Advocate** can also be your guardian.

The Public Guardian and Public Advocate are people. Their job is to be guardian for people who do **not** have anyone else who can be their guardian.

People who work with the Public Guardian or the Public Advocate can be your guardian.

## How your guardian should make decisions

If your guardian works with the Public Guardian or the Public Advocate they must think about your **rights** when they make decisions.



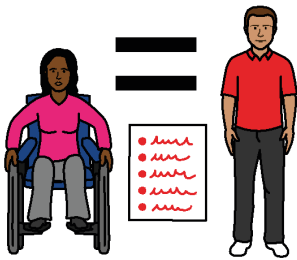
Rights are about being treated

- fairly
- with respect
- with dignity
- the same as other people.



Rights are the things that everyone should be able to

- get
- have
- do.



Your guardian should think about the  
**United Nations Convention on the Rights of  
Persons with Disabilities.**

In this fact sheet we call this the Convention.

People from different countries wrote the Convention.

It is about the rights of people with disabilities.

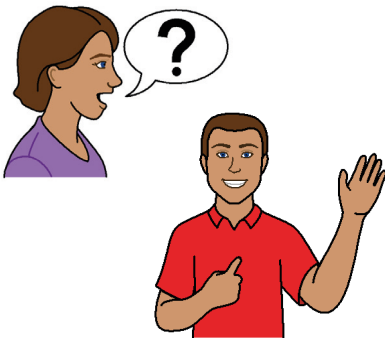
It is an agreement that the Australian government  
signed.



It says what Australia should do so that people with a  
disability have the same rights as everyone else.

## Things your guardian should do

Your guardian should do these things.



1. Ask you what you want.

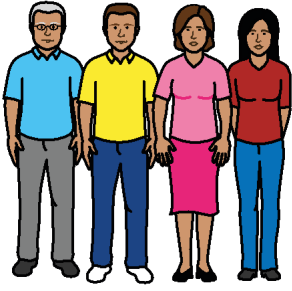
2. Try to make the decision that is the same as what you want, unless this means you might get hurt.



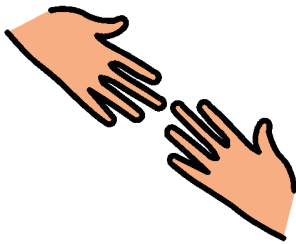
3. Tell you what

- decision they can make
- things they will do to make the decision.

Your guardian can only make decisions that the Tribunal or Board says that they can make.



4. Ask people close to you what they think, for example people in your family.



5. Help you to

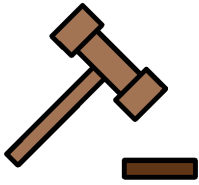
- make your own decisions
- ask for the services and support you need.



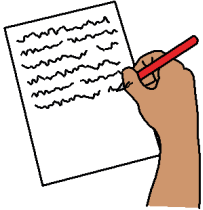
6. Help protect you from being hurt, and help you learn how to make decisions that keep you safe.



7. Only give information about you to people who need it. For example, your doctor.



8. Obey the law when they make decisions.



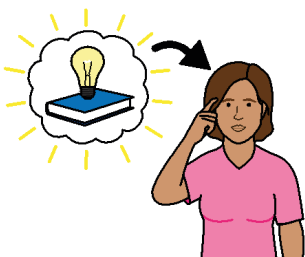
9. Write down the decision they make and the reasons.



10. Tell you what you can do if you do **not** like the decision.



11. Ask the Tribunal or Board if you still need a guardian.



12. Learn new things to help them be a good guardian.



This Easy English “Things your guardian should do” fact sheet is about the 2016 National Standards of Public Guardianship.

For the full ten standards, see the original National Standards of Public Guardianship document on the Australian Guardianship and Administration Council website

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