

Keeping you and your money safe with an enduring power of attorney

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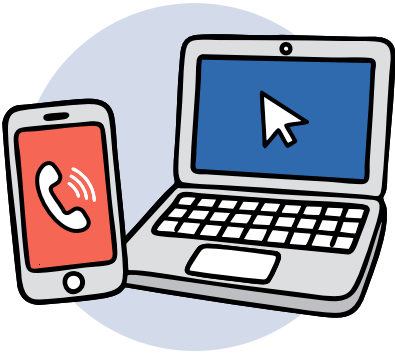
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Help with this guide



You can get someone to help you:

- understand this guide
- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this guide.



Some words in this guide are **bold**.

We write what the **bold** words mean.

About this guide



This guide explains:

- what an **enduring power of attorney** is
- how it can help keep you and your money safe.



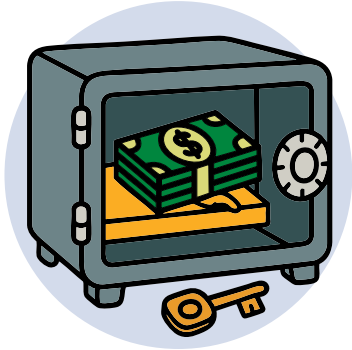
An enduring power of attorney is a **legal document**.

Legal document means people must follow what it says.



An enduring power of attorney lets you choose someone you trust to make decisions for you.

Keeping you and your money safe



An enduring power of attorney lets someone you trust look after:

- your money decisions
- your personal and health decisions.



It can help keep your rights and choices safe. It can also help keep you safe from **financial abuse**.



Financial abuse is when someone takes or uses your money or things without asking.

How it works



With an enduring power of attorney, the person you choose can make decisions when:

- you cannot make decisions on your own
- when you want help managing things.



The person you choose is called your **attorney**.

Your attorney should be someone you feel safe with.

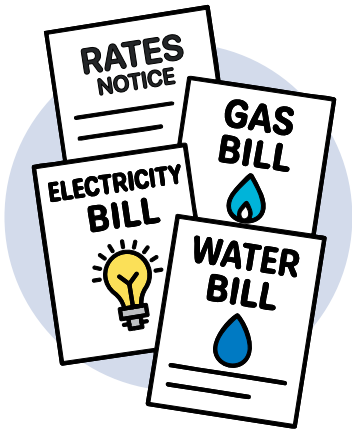


This can be a family member, a friend, or another adult you choose.

How it works



You can choose what decisions your attorney can make and what they cannot make.



Your attorney may help you:

- look after your money
- pay your bills
- take care of the things that are important to you.



They might also help you make decisions about:

- your daily care
- where you live.

Choosing an attorney



You should choose someone you trust to be your attorney.



Think about choosing someone who:

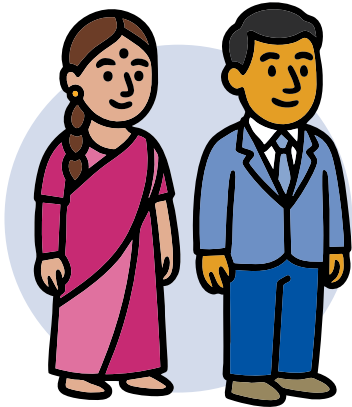
- understands your wishes
- can handle important decisions
- will not benefit from the decisions they make for you.



They should:

- be over 18 years old
- understand things like the law
- say yes to being your attorney.

Choosing an attorney



You can choose more than one person to be your attorney.



You can ask your attorneys to:

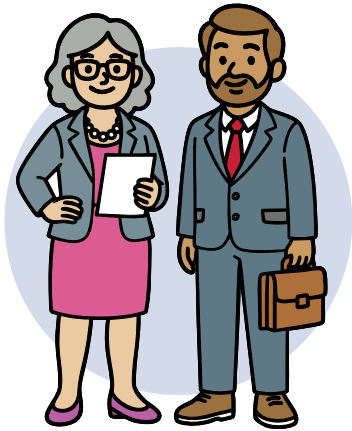
- make decisions together, or
- make decisions on their own.



Having more than one attorney can help keep you and your money safe because:

- it can help stop careless mistakes
- your attorney cannot make choices on their own.

Nominated persons



You can also choose a **nominated person**.

A nominated person is someone who must be told when your attorney makes decisions.



You can choose more than one nominated person if you want.



Choosing a nominated person can help keep you and your money safe because someone else knows what decisions your attorney is making.

Non-binding wishes



It is a good idea to write your wishes in a letter.

This letter is called your **non-binding wishes**.

Non-binding wishes tell your attorney what you want.



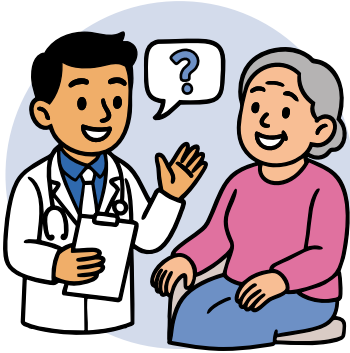
You must write your wishes when you can still make decisions.



Your attorney should read your wishes when making choices.

Your wishes can help them make the right choices.

Capacity and making decisions



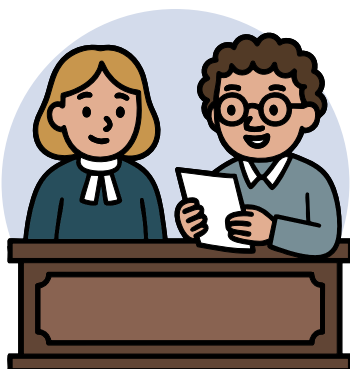
If people are worried you cannot make decisions, a doctor may check your **capacity**.

Capacity means you can make decisions for yourself.



You have capacity when you:

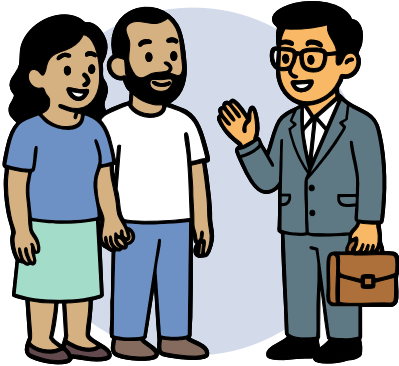
- understand the information
- think about your choice
- tell someone your decision.



Sometimes a Tribunal or Court may also help decide.

They will look at a doctor's report and other information before they make a decision.

What happens after you die



Your attorney can only help you while you are alive.

In your **Will**, you choose an **executor** to take over after you die.



Your Will is a legal paper that says what you want to happen to your money and things after your death.



An executor is the person who carries out your wishes after you die.

Your attorney and executor can be the same person or two different people.

Contact us



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