

# What to Consider When Choosing a Guardian for Your Children

If you have minor children, choosing a guardian is a “must-do” and can afford you peace of mind. **Once you have a shortlist, ask yourself these questions about each potential guardian:**



## WHERE DOES THE PERSON LIVE?

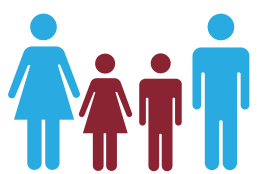
It's likely the children will move into the guardian's home, so think about whether they have a **home** that can accommodate your children.

*Also, if the move to their home is far, how it could affect your children?*



## WHAT ARE THEIR RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL AND MORAL BELIEFS?

Do you know them and are you comfortable having your children shaped by those **beliefs**?



## DOES THE PERSON HAVE THEIR OWN CHILDREN?

If the person does not have children, have they **spent time** with yours?

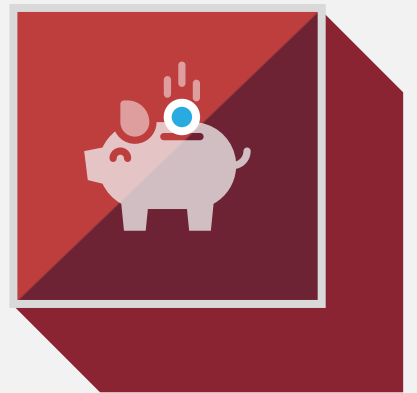
*If so, are you comfortable with their views on child discipline, education, sports, etc.?*



## HOW OLD IS THE PERSON?

An older guardian may be in a better **financial** position and have more time to spend with your children. They could also have **little understanding** of today's kids, and current trends.

On the flip side, younger guardians may be heavily involved in building their careers, leaving **little time** for children.



## DOES THE PERSON HAVE HEALTH ISSUES?

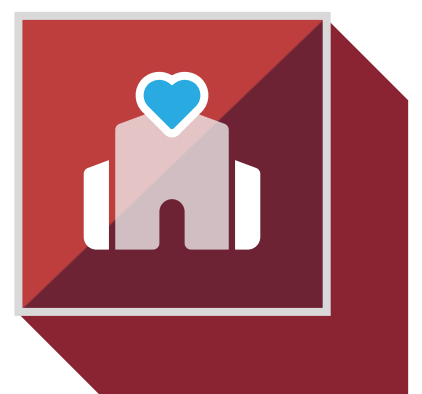
While you can never anticipate eventualities, it's probably not a good idea to choose a guardian who currently has **health issues**.



## IS THE PERSON MARRIED?

*If so, are you equally comfortable with their spouse and believe the marriage is stable?*

If the person is single, are you confident in their **ability to choose** a partner you would approve of to help raise your children?



## IS THE PERSON FINANCIALLY STABLE?

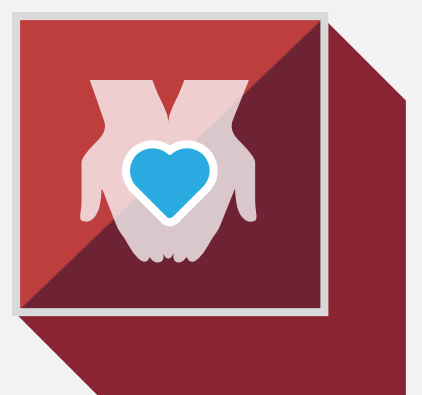
Like it or not, the **financial** situation of a guardian can have significant impact on your children.

*If not, will you leave enough money to cover expenses?*



## IS THE PERSON WILLING TO BE GUARDIAN TO YOUR CHILDREN?

It's essential you have a conversation with the proposed guardian to ensure they understand what it entails and if they are **willing** to take on the responsibility.



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