



Questions to Ask About Custody and Guardianship

A preparation sheet for legal information or a family-law appointment.

Questions to ask

- ☐ Who currently has legal custody or guardianship?
- ☐ Can I consent to medical and mental health treatment?
- ☐ Can I enrol the child in school and receive records?
- ☐ Can I apply for benefits for the child?
- ☐ Can I apply for a passport or travel with the child?
- ☐ What rights does the parent still have?
- ☐ What happens if the parent asks for the child to return?
- ☐ Is the arrangement temporary or intended to be permanent?
- ☐ Would guardianship, custody or relative adoption change financial support?
- ☐ What document should I carry as proof of authority?

Documents I am bringing

- ☐ Court orders.
- ☐ GACP or Child Protection documents.
- ☐ Written parental agreement.
- ☐ Birth certificate.
- ☐ School or medical records showing the child lives with me.

My three most important questions

Advice / next steps