

How to use I-CAN! to Create Guardianship Forms



Follow these steps

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1. Select your language preference, video preference and then select the Module you want to complete.
 2. The next screen will give you a description of the module. Click "Next" and then choose "Create a username and password".
 3. At the end of the tutorial and disclaimer, enter your first and last name and click "Next". I-CAN! will create a unique password for you. Be sure to print or save the PDF file with your password so you can re-enter if there are any disruptions.
 4. If you want to re-enter a module using a user you have created, select "Log in with my password" and then enter in your password. You will be taken back to the module with your responses already filled in.

What does I-CAN! do?

I-CAN! will fill out the forms for you by asking you simple questions and putting your answers on the court forms in the correct place. I-CAN! will print all of the forms that are necessary for your individual situation. I-CAN! will also print instructions to tell you what to do with your forms, and how the court process works.

Who can use the Guardianship module?

CA Guardianship

Users

- Parent(s) nominating legal guardian(s) for their child or children
- Adult nominating self (and up to one other) to be legal guardian of a child or children

I-CAN! can help you file for Guardianship if you are a parent or if you are nominating yourself to be a guardian of a child (or children). As a parent or proposed guardian, you can nominate up to two guardians for a child (or children) using I-CAN!.

How to go through the Guardianship Module

Enter the following information

User Scenario 1: A single mother wants to appoint her brother as legal guardian of her children.

1. You are the mother and your name is "My Name", your phone number is "999-999-9999", your address is "123 My Street, My City, CA 00000".
2. Your first child's name is "First Child Name". He was born 1/1/2000 in "Child City, CA". His home phone number is 999-999-9999. His school name is "School Name", his school phone is 222-222-2222 and his other phone is 333-333-3333
3. The child will NOT live with the guardian and will NOT be adopted by the guardian. The child has never been married or in a state institution.
4. Your second child's name is "Second Child Name". She was born 1/1/2002 in "Second Child City, CA". Her home phone number is 999-999-9999. Her school name is "School Name", her school phone is 222-222-2222 and her other phone is 444-444-4444
5. The child will NOT live with the guardian and will NOT be adopted by the guardian. The child has never been married or in a state institution.
6. Your children live at your address since 1/1/2006. It is not confidential.
7. Previously you lived with your children at "123 Previous Street, Previous City, CA 00000". You moved there 1/1/2002
8. You have sole legal custody of the children. They do NOT receive public benefits and there are no cases involving or affecting the children.
9. No one else has been nominated to be guardian of the children.
10. The father's name is "Other Parent Name". It is unknown what he thinks of the guardianship. His address is "321 Other Parent Street, City, CA 11111"
11. The children do not have any living grandparents, brothers or sisters
12. There is no one who has physical custody or claims to
13. It would not harm the children to notify any of the people you are required to notify. You have been able to find everyone who you need to.
14. It would be convenient for your brother to be legal guardian so he can take care of your children. You do not need any special orders.
15. Your brother's name is "My Brother", his address is "111 Brother Street, Brother City, CA 11111" and his phone number is 888-888-8888
16. It would be best to appoint your brother as guardian because he helps you take care of your children.
17. Your children live in Orange County

Variations to try: Try nominating your brother and his wife to be guardians. Try entering public assistance information, court case information, restraining order information, other nominees to be guardians, other relatives and other people who claim to have visitation or custody rights.

User Scenario 2: An unrelated godfather and his wife are applying to be legal guardian of a child.

1. You are applying to be guardian. Your name is "My Name", your phone number is 999-999-9999 and your fax number is 888-888-8888. Your address is "123 My Street, My City, CA 00000"
2. Your wife's name is "Wife Name"
3. The child's name is "Child Name", he was born 1/1/2006 in "Child City, CA". His home phone number is 777-777-7777.
4. If the guardianship is approved, he will live with you, and you plan to adopt the child. The child has never been married or in an institution.
5. The child currently lives at "111 Child Street, Child City, CA 11111" with someone other than his father, mother or you. The address is not confidential. The child moved there 10/10/2006.
6. The other person's name is "Foster Person" and the person's relationship with the child is "Foster care"
7. Before living there, the child lived at "222 Mother Street, Mother City, 22222" since 1/1/2006 with his mother. The child lived there since birth.
8. The father, the mother and another person named "Foster Person" all have legal custody of the child. The other person's address is "333 Foster Street, Foster City, CA 33333"
9. The child does not receive public benefits.
10. There is one case that affects the child's life heard in Orange, CA. It was a felony case. The court order was made on 10/10/2006 that both of the child's parents be sent to jail for 6 years. The case number is "Case Number". You did not play any role in the case.
11. There are no domestic violence orders.
12. "Other Person" was nominated to be guardian of the child
13. The father's name is "Father Name" and his address is "444 Father Street, Father City, CA 44444". He agrees to appoint you as guardian.
14. The mother's name is "Mother Name" and her address is "555 Mother Street, Mother City, CA 55555". She agrees to appoint you as guardian.
15. The child has one grandfather (father's father) named "Grandfather Name". He lives at "6 Resthome Street, Resthome City, CA 66666"
16. It would not harm the child to notify any of the people you are required to notify. You have been able to find everyone who you need to.
17. The child needs a guardian because his parents are in jail. You do not want to request any special orders.
18. You are not related to the child. Appointing you to be guardian would take the child out of the state foster care system and into the home of a family friend. You do NOT run a foster care home, you agree to the statement and you are the child's godfather.
19. Your wife is not related to the child. Appointing her to be guardian would enable her to take care of the child when you are not available. She does NOT run a foster care home, and she is the godmother of the child.
20. You were born 1/1/1970. Your SSN is 111-11-1111 and your driver's license number is DLNUMBER from California. You answer "No" to all of the questions on the confidential survey.
21. The child lives in Orange County

Variations to try: Try answering "Yes" to some of the questions on the confidential survey and entering explanations. Try entering more court cases in which you played various roles.