

Someone is Trying to Become a Guardian of my Child

OPPOSING A PRIVATE GUARDIANSHIP ORDER

I received court documents showing that someone is trying to become a Private Guardian of my child. Can I oppose the application?

Yes, you can attend the hearing and oppose the application for a Private Guardianship Order on the basis that it would not be in the best interests of the child. Please note that the Court can make a Private Guardianship Order with or without your consent.

My child is under a Private Guardianship Order. Will I still be able to see my child?

This will depend on the Order granted by the Court. The Court has discretion to include terms with respect to who has custody and contact with the child.

Will I be able to get my child back?

If your own status as the child's guardian has not been terminated, you may apply to the Court to terminate the new Private Guardianship Order. You would have to convince the Court that you are fully capable and willing to fully resume guardianship responsibilities for the child and that it is in the best interests of the child to do so.

Private Guardianship Order

A Court order granted under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* appointing one or more persons as guardians of a child and describing the powers and responsibilities of the guardians.

RESOURCES

Edmonton Community Legal Centre

200, 10115 – 100A Street

Edmonton AB T5J 2W2

780.702.1725

intake@eclc.ca

www.eclc.ca/child-protective-services-and-apprehension/

Child Abuse Hotline

If you suspect a child is being neglected or abused, call the Child Abuse Hotline 24 hours a day, or get contact information for your local Child and Family Services office by dialing 310-0000 during business hours.

Toll Free Hotline 1-800-387-KIDS(5437)

Children's Services Offices

You can find your local Children's Services office at this website:

http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/local_offices.cfm



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