

# Temporary Guardianships and Other Emergency Relief in a Guardianship Proceeding

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## The Current Realities

- In 2019, over 54M Americans over 65
  - approximately 16.5% of U.S. Population
- By 2034, estimated to be 77M Americans over 65
  - first time in U.S. history that older people (65 or older) outnumber children (under 18).
- In 2020, estimated 5.8M Americans over 65 living with Alzheimer's
  - approximately 1.8% of the U.S. population.
  - By 2050, number expected to nearly triple to approximately 14M.
- Up to 5M older Americans abused every year, with financial loss estimated to be at least \$36.5 billion

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# I Care A Lot.....[or does she?]



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## The Basics

*With great power  
comes great  
responsibility.*

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## What is a guardianship?

- A Court-supervised procedure where one person is granted legal authority to make personal or financial decisions for someone who can no longer make such decisions for himself or herself.

## What is a guardianship proceeding?

- Any matter relating to:
  1. The appointment of a guardian of a minor or other incapacitated person;
  2. A guardianship or a substitute for a guardianship;
  3. A mental health action; and
  4. A management trust under Ch. 1301.

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