

6 Common Mistakes Most Parents Make When Naming Guardians



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Have You Made One Of These 6 Common Mistakes That Could Leave Your Kids In The Care Of Someone You Would Never Choose?

1. **Named a couple to act as guardians** when you don't really want both people in the couple and you haven't said **what should happen if the couple broke up** or one of the partners in the couple died.
2. Only named one possible guardian. What if something happens to your first choice?
3. **Consider financial resources** when deciding who should raise your children. Your **guardians do not have to** (and often should not) **be financial decision makers for your kids**.
4. Only have a Will, which means **the Court will distribute your money**, it's totally public and **doesn't protect your money** if your kids get a divorce or is involved in a lawsuit.
5. Did not exclude anyone who might challenge your guardian decisions or who you know **you'd never want to care for your kids**.
6. Only named guardians for the long-term and **did not make any arrangements for the short term** if you were in an accident. **What would happen in those immediate hours** until your permanent guardians could arrive?

If you've made one of these 6 common mistakes, not to worry. The Law Office of Keoni Souza can help to ensure that your kids will always be taken care of by people you know, love and trust. We offer a Kids Protection Plan® with every estate plan we prepare for families with minor children. A Kids Protection Plan® is a set of instructions, legal documents and even an ID card for your wallet, which you need to have if you have kids at home who count on you for their well-being and care.

We understand that meeting with a lawyer isn't high on your list of fun things to do. Many of our clients felt the same way before their planning session, but absolutely LOVE it after they've experienced a Family Wealth Planning Session. They love the peace of mind that comes with knowing everything is set up the right way for themselves, their future and their loved ones. Contact us to schedule your very own Family Wealth Planning Session.