

# Creating a Permanency Plan for Your Family

A Permanency Plan is one that ensures that your wishes will be honored if you are ever unable to care for your child or children.

The following is a checklist to help you in completing your family's Permanency Plan.



Select a Primary and Secondary Caregiver to act as your child's guardian if both parents are unable to care for them.



Discuss this decision with the Primary and Secondary Caregivers to ensure they are willing and able to serve as your children's guardians should the need arise.



Create a Will using the guide provided (or view online at <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Writing-a-Will-Easy>) or refer to these steps:

1. Decide what property to include in your will
2. Decide who will inherit your property
3. Choose an executor to handle your estate
4. Choose a guardian for your children
5. Choose someone to manage children's property
6. Make your will
7. Sign your will in front of witnesses
8. Store your will safely

Source: (<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/make-will-quick-checklist-29480.html>).

You should consult with an attorney, or you can create a free Holographic Will.

According to the website, [texaswillsandtrustslaw.com](http://texaswillsandtrustslaw.com), "A Holographic Will is a handwritten will. In order to be valid in Texas, a holographic will must be wholly in the handwriting of the testator and signed (and dated) by him or her.

A Holographic Will can be written on anything, including stationery, and does not have to be signed by witnesses. However, it is still necessary for the testator to have testamentary capacity and intent at the time he or she signs the will.

Holographic wills are often used in emergency situations until more formal documents can be drafted, but their use is not restricted to any particular circumstances. And while they may seem like an easy way to handle one's estate planning needs, there are inherent pitfalls associated with relying on them as a primary estate planning tool.

Because many testators do not know the requirements for a valid will in Texas, holographic wills may contain defects which lead to unnecessary expenses and delays in administering their estate."

Source: Combs, Rania Retrieved from <https://texaswillsandtrustslaw.com/2010/05/17/what-is-a-holographic-will/>



Ensure your children's medical and legal paperwork is up to date and organized in one place. A folder or binder for each child is a good idea. Keep it in a safe and secure location and update it as needed. Let your Primary and Secondary Caregiver choices know where you keep the binder.



Congratulations! Your Permanency Plan is Complete!