



WHAT IS AN **ENDURING POWER OF GUARDIANSHIP?**

Quick Guide

Elderly man and woman smiling and having a cup of tea in a garden

**In WA, an
Enduring Power of
Guardianship (EPG)
is a legal document.**

It means you pick someone you trust to make lifestyle and treatment choices for you for a time when you can't make these choices for yourself (for example, if you have a brain injury or are unconscious).



Palliative Care
Western Australia
Living, dying & grieving well



Middle aged man and woman embracing and smiling in a country area

You can choose one, or two people jointly, as your Enduring Guardian and you can choose one or two people to be back-up decision makers if you want to.

It should be someone you trust to make the best choices for you and who will follow your instructions. You should talk to the person you choose so that they understand your choices.

They make choices about lifestyle such as:

- where you live
- what services you can use
- what medical and personal care you have.

When making choices for you, the Enduring Guardian should think about what you want and your health problems, the risks, as well as the good things about any treatments.

Where can you get help?

You can get support with Enduring Power of Guardianship by speaking to your GP or a member of your medical team.

You can also contact:

Palliative Care WA

 **1300 551 704**

 **info@palliativecarewa.asn.au**

You can access EPA kits from

 **www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au**

 **1300 858 455**

 **opa@justice.wa.gov.au.**



Palliative Care
Western Australia
Living, dying & grieving well

This resource has been developed through a collaboration between Palliative Care WA and WA Primary Health Alliance. It is supported by funding from WA Primary Health Alliance through the Australian Government's PHN Program.