

NYE COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Public Guardian – Karyn Smith



The Nye County Office of Public Guardian serves residents of Nye County who have been appointed to the department by the court as a Protected Person. The Public Guardian responds to referrals that may come from Adult Protective Services, local law enforcement agencies, health providers and/or the courts to investigate persons, usually elderly, who are unable to properly provide for and manage their personal needs, physical health or property. In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes, responsibility is assumed for the Protected Person's personal care or finances, or both. Whenever possible, the Office of the Public Guardian attempts to include the Protected Person in the decisions that will impact his or her life.

GUARDIANSHIP CRITERIA

Referrals to the Office of Public Guardian often include circumstances such as:

- Person(s) are adults, age 18 and older.
- Person(s) must be a Nye County Resident.
- Person(s) must have a psychological and clinical evaluation by a licensed physician.
- Person(s) would be placed in a nursing home facility or group home.
- Referral Form must be completed and submitted to Nye County Office of Public Guardian.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- NRS Chapter 159 – Guardianship of Adults
- Guardianship Compliance Office
- Guardianship Forms – Self Help Center
- <https://selfhelp.nvcourts.gov/self-help/guardianship>
- National Guardianship Association
- Social Security Administration
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
- Veterans Services and Benefits