



✅ Office of the Public Guardian

What they do

The **Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)** is a government service.

👉 They help protect people's rights and safety.

👤 Who they help

They help people who may need support, like:

- Adults who cannot make some decisions on their own
- Children and young people in care

👉 This can happen because of illness, injury, or disability.

💬 What they do

1. Protect people

- Make sure people are safe
- Make sure people are treated fairly

👉 They protect people's rights and wellbeing.

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2. Help with decisions

Sometimes a person cannot make important decisions.

- The Public Guardian can help decide:
 - Health care
 - Where the person lives
 - What services they get



They only do this if needed, and as a last resort.

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3. Check on people's safety

- They can investigate if someone is being:
 - Hurt
 - Neglected
 - Take advantage of



Anyone can report concerns to them. publicguardian.qld.gov.au



4. Speak up for people

- They listen to what the person wants
- They help make sure the person's voice is heard



This is called advocacy.

5. Visit people in services

- They visit place like:
 - Disability accommodation
 - Hospitals or services



They make sure people are safe and supported.

⚠️ What they do NOT do

- They do not manage money
- Another service (Public Trustee) does this

👉 OPG focuses on personal and health decisions only.
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☀️ Remember

The Office of the Public Guardian is there to:

- Support people
- Keep people safe
- Respect people's rights

✅ They are there to help when someone needs extra support

You can always reach out to a trusted friend, family, member, advocate or other support person for assistance.



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