



The Back-to-School Kids Protection Checklist

If You Couldn't Get to Your Kids, Who Would?

Back-to-school season is a good time to make sure your children are protected, whether they are at home, at school, at daycare, on the soccer field, or with a babysitter.

Take a few minutes to answer these questions. If you can't confidently check Yes, there may be a gap in your family's plan.

(1) Have we legally chosen who we would want to care for our children long-term if something happened to both of us?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(2) Have my spouse or co-parent and I discussed and agreed on who we would want caring for our children long-term?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(3) Have we legally chosen someone who lives close by and who could care for our children in the short-term, until our chosen long-term guardians arrive?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(4) Are the people listed as our children's emergency contacts, or authorized pickup people, also legally authorized to care for them in the short-term if we can't?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(5) If something happened while our children were at school, daycare, an activity, or with a babysitter, would the people caring for them know who to contact and who is legally authorized to take them?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



"You can't be with your kids every moment of the day, but you can have a plan for who will care for them if you can't. Putting the right protections in place helps make sure your children are cared for by the people you know and trust, no matter what."

-David Feakes, Founder



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(6) Have we legally named backup short-term guardians in case our first choice can't get to our children right away?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(7) Do we have a dedicated, easy-to-find place, with the important information someone would need to care for our children, including health insurance information, pediatrician contact information, allergies, medications, and dietary restrictions?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

(8) Do our estate planning documents legally address both who can care for our children immediately and who we want to raise them long-term?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

One More Question

If something happened to you today, are you confident your children would be cared for by the people you chose, rather than leaving those decisions to someone else?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If you're unsure about any of these answers, you don't need to have everything figured out before you start planning.

The goal isn't to have a perfect plan. It's to have a plan.

At The Parents Estate Planning Law Firm, we help families create comprehensive estate plans that address both short-term and long-term guardianship, so the people you trust are legally named to care for your children if you can't.

Take the first step. Make sure you have a plan for your children that protects them for wherever the school year, and life, takes them.

Call our office at (978) 263-6900 or schedule a complimentary 15-minute introductory call with our Client Services Coordinator.



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