



Welcome to the
Probate and Family Court
Department of the
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and Family law matters
involve complex and valuable legal rights,
You should always speak with an attorney
before filing any papers. Please ask court staff
for the pamphlet "Looking for Legal Assistance?"
which contains helpful information about
obtaining legal advice and representation.

The information in this pamphlet is provided
as a service of the court and does not
constitute legal advice which can
only be given to you by an attorney.

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Bond of Guardian of a Minor

Form and Instructions

Use these instructions ONLY if:

- P** You have filed, or are about to file, a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor; and
- P** The child DOES NOT own any real estate or have more than \$1 00 in cash or property.

Do not use these instructions unless both are true. Please see the staff at the Registry of Probate if you have questions.

**Instructions for Completing the
BOND OF GUARDIAN and
BOND OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN**

Please print or type all information.

Do not fill in the sample form, use the form provided by the court. Look at the sample on the opposite page to see where to put the required information. For example, put the information asked for in line ① of these instructions on the same line of the form provided by the court (the numbers are not on the form that you will fill out).

IMPORTANT

If you want to be appointed Temporary Guardian, you must fill out two bonds, one as Temporary Guardian and one as Guardian

Fill in the following on both FORMS:

- ① Write in the name of the county where you are filing your papers.
- ② Put in the docket number for this case, if one has been assigned. Otherwise, leave this space blank. Ask at the Registry of Probate to find out if a docket number has been assigned.
- ③ For the Guardianship, fill in the blank with the words "**Guardian of a Minor**". If you are filling in a bond as Temporary Guardian, write in "**Temporary Guardian of a Minor**". Put an "X" into the space next to the word "**without**."
- ④ Fill in the name of the child for whom you are applying to be guardian.
- ⑤ Print your name and address. You are the "**Fiduciary**." If you and another person are both applying, (for example, you and your spouse), print both of your names and addresses.
- ⑥ Print "**NONE**." If the child owns real estate, you should not use this packet of instructions for becoming the child's guardian.
- ⑦ Print "**NONE**" or, if the child has some money or property but less than \$1 00, put in the amount. If the child has more than \$100 in property, you should not use this packet of instructions for becoming the child's guardian.
- ⑧ Print "**NONE**".

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR THE BOND OF GUARDIAN ONLY.

- ⑨ Print "**Guardian**".
- ⑩ Print the date and sign the form.

SEE EXAMPLE ON OPPOSITE PAGE

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR THE BOND OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN ONLY.

- ⑨ Print "**Temporary Guardian**".
- ⑩ Print the date and sign the form.

SEE EXAMPLE ON BACK PAGE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

1 Division _____

Docket No. 2 _____

Bond of 3 Guardian _____ (type of fiduciary) without
() with Personal Surety
() with Corporate Surety

Name of Estate 4 **Print child's name** _____

Name and Address of Fiduciary 5 **Print YOUR name and address**
(including street, city, state and ZIP code) _____

Estimated Real Estate 6 _____ Estimated Personal Estate 7 **NONE (See instructions)**

Penal Sum of Bond, (if applicable) 8 **NONE** _____

I, We, the undersigned fiduciary accept appointment as 9 **Guardian** _____
and stand bound - in the aforesaid penal sum - with the undersigned surety or sureties - (if applicable) to per-
form the statutory conditions of said bond and declare the above estimate to be to my - our best knowledge and
belief.

Date 10 **Print today's date** _____ 10 **SIGN your name** _____

Signature of Fiduciary - Principal

DO NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE

(complete below only if this is a bond with personal sureties)

We, the undersigned, as sureties, stand bound jointly and severally in the aforesaid penal sum to perform the
statutory condition.

Personal Surety's Name and Address _____

Signature _____

Personal Surety's Name and Address _____

Signature _____

The above sureties are in my opinion sufficient.

Signature Office City or Town

(complete below only if this is a Surety Company Bond)

We, the undersigned surety company, a corporation duly organized by law under the state of _____
and having a usual place of business in _____

(Massachusetts address)

stand bound as surety, in the aforesaid penal sum, to perform the statutory condition.

_____ by _____
Corporate Surety (name) Signature and Title

_____, SS., _____ 20 _____ examined and approved.

