

Medina County Common Pleas Court

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EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR

1. The primary consideration when requesting an emergency guardianship is that that there is an **emergency** that will harm the ward within a twenty-four (24) hour period. Issues of concern to health care providers, schools or family members are not sufficient, in and of themselves, to warrant emergency measures. The nature of the harm to the ward must be **immediate** and **significant**. All available alternatives must be explored.
2. Upon the filing of an Application for Appointment of Emergency Guardianship the Court may appoint an emergency guardian when the ward needs imminent attention.
3. EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP SHOULD BE USED AS A LAST RESORT.