

# Helping Someone Close to You: What Are Your Legal Options?

Comparative table

Legal option					
 What?	Help a person with their affairs, without signing or deciding on their behalf	Manage a person's assets on their behalf, within the limits established in the power of attorney	Take care of an incapacitated person and manage their affairs	Perform a specific act on behalf of an incapacitated person	Take care of an incapacitated person and manage their affairs
 To help who?	Adult person who is capable	Adult person who is capable	Incapacitated adult person who prepared a protection mandate when they were capable	Adult person who is incapacitated	Adult person who is incapacitated
 Steps to take	All these legal tools can be put in place with or without the help of legal professionals.				
	Submit a request with the Public Curator for your assistant to be officially recognized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The court does not intervene</li> </ul>	Sign a document called a "power of attorney" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Public Curator and the court don't intervene</li> <li>In certain cases, the power of attorney must be done with the help of a notary</li> </ul>	Ask the court to homologate the protection mandate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary</li> <li>Must prepare an inventory of the person's property</li> <li>Must make a report to someone else (for accountability) at least every three years</li> </ul>	Ask the court to appoint the suggested temporary representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary</li> <li>No need to prepare an inventory of the person's property</li> <li>Must make a report after completing the act (for accountability)</li> </ul>	Ask the court to appoint a tutor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary</li> <li>Family and friends intervene to choose the tutor</li> <li>Must prepare an inventory of the person's property</li> <li>Must make a report once a year to someone else (for accountability)</li> </ul>

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