

**MASSACHUSETTS STANDBY  
TEMPORARY GUARDIAN  
LEGAL DOCUMENTS PACKAGE**

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U.S. Legal Forms™ thanks you for your purchase of a Standby Temporary Guardian Legal Documents Package. This package contains summaries of state laws and links to resources to assist with creating a standby guardianship.

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### **I. FORM LIST**

With your Standby Temporary Guardian Legal Documents Package, you will find valuable information for a person to take care and custody of a child.

Included in your package are the following forms:

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| 1. | Standby Guardianship                                    |
| 2. | Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy |
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### **II. DESCRIPTIONS OF FORMS**

Brief descriptions of the forms contained in your Standby Temporary Guardian Legal Documents Package are found below.

**Standby Guardianship** - This fact sheet defines the provisions of most standby guardian laws. Additionally, it broadly defines: how to establish a standby guardian, who can nominate a standby guardian, how the guardian's authority is activated, the involvement of the non-custodial parent, the relationship between authority of the parent and the standby, and withdrawing guardianship.

**Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy** – This guide provides links to websites where state statutes and regulations can be accessed and lists the parts of each state and territory's code that contain laws addressing child protection, child welfare, and adoption.

**Grounds for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights** – This publication reviews state laws that detail the specific circumstances that must be present when a court terminates the legal parent-child relationship.

**Power of Attorney for the Care and Custody of Child** - This Power of Attorney is a form which provides for the appointment of an attorney-in-fact for the care of a child or children, including health care. This Power of Attorney form requires that the signature of the person giving another the power of attorney to be notarized.

If you need additional information, please visit [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) and look up forms by subject matter. You may also wish to visit our legal definitions page at <http://definitions.uslegal.com/>

### **III. LEGAL DOCUMENT STORAGE**

Once you prepare legal documents and forms in your U.S. Legal Forms™ Essential Legal Life Documents Package, it is highly recommended that you keep forms together. An optional USLegal Life Documents Organizer – small or large size is available for purchase from [www.uslegalforms.com](http://www.uslegalforms.com) to help store your legal documents.

Legal documents should also be kept in a very secure place such as a bank safe deposit box or personal home safe. You may wish to tell your attorney or a family member about the location of your Legal Life Documents Package in the event you are unable to communicate it to them when needed.

### **IV. TIPS ON COMPLETING THE FORMS**

The form(s) in this packet may contain “form fields” created using Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat (“.pdf” format). “Form fields” facilitate completion of the forms using your computer. They do not limit your ability to print the form “in blank” and complete with a typewriter or by hand.

It is also helpful to be able to see the location of the form fields. Go to the View menu, click on Toolbars, and then select Forms. This will open the Forms toolbar. Look for the button on the Forms toolbar that resembles a shaded letter “a”. Click this button and the form fields will be visible.

By clicking on the appropriate form field, you will be able to enter the needed information. In some instances, the form field and the line will disappear after information is entered. In other cases, it will not. The form was created to function in this manner.

### **V. DISCLAIMER**

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