

Our Purpose and Expertise

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The Representation Agreement Act is unique in part because it was developed with citizens and community groups through a 'ground-up' process, giving a voice to those most affected by the law.

A Representation Agreement is the only legal document in B.C. for appointing someone to make health and personal care decisions on your behalf; it can also cover routine finances.

One of the important principles underlying the legislation is the right to self-determination. The Representation Agreement Act provides an ethical decision making process that a representative must follow when assisting you or when acting on your behalf.

A representative must follow your known wishes and values — not their own. It's about staying in charge of your life!

Recognition for Representation Agreements

The made-in-B.C. Representation Agreement Act has received both local and international recognition. It has been:

- Identified by *The Province* newspaper as one of the top ten essential tools to meet seniors' needs in B.C.
- Selected by a scientific panel of the World Future Council as one of the best policies in the world for its recognition of equal rights of people who need assistance with decision making due to intellectual disability.
- Acclaimed by the B.C. government as an example of social innovation — a collaborative and innovative approach to addressing social needs.

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Find information.

*New to personal planning?
Reviewing your plan?*

Personal planning involves making arrangements in case you need help managing your affairs during your lifetime, due to an illness, injury or disability.

Personal planning covers all areas of your life: health care, personal care, legal affairs and financial affairs.

Discuss with others.

The first step in personal planning is getting information and discussing it with those who may be involved. Nidus has fact sheets, videos, stories and other resources on our website to help you at all stages of the planning process.

A good place to start is with our Guide, *Stay in Charge of Your Life*, which explains your options and the different documents available to you. You can find this Guide at www.nidus.ca — Self-Help — Planning Guide.

"We thought everything was covered in our Wills, but that is for estate planning. Personal planning is more immediate for us — it's for while you are alive. After reading information on the Nidus website, we now know which documents we need."



Make your document.

Ready to get the form you need?

Once you have determined which document to make and you have discussed this with those involved, you are ready to obtain the legal form that fits your situation.

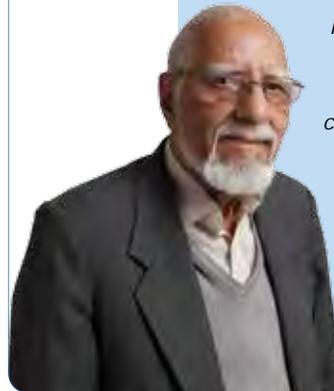
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- What areas of authority to include.
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Find the preparation materials and forms for making your legal document at www.nidus.ca — Self Help.

All information and materials are available at www.nidus.ca

"I used the Nidus preparation materials and forms to make my Representation Agreement. It's easy. Go to the website and choose 'Making RA' under the Self-Help heading."



Register your document.

*Completed your document?
It's time to Register!*

The Personal Planning Registry™ lets you keep track of your plans as well as store a copy of your completed document so it is available when needed.

Avoid confusion and delay by keeping a record of all your important papers in one place. Your family and friends will thank you for it.

You can register a variety of documents with the Nidus Personal Planning Registry™:

- 📄 My Personal Information Record
- 📄 Representation Agreement
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The purpose of the new law is to enable adults who need help with decision making, due to illness, injury or disability, to legally authorize trusted personal supporters to assist them in one or more life areas.

The Representation Agreement Act enshrines in law a different definition of capability. It says an adult may make a Representation Agreement even if they cannot manage their own affairs or make their own decisions.

Representation Agreements avoid imposing guardianship on adults who need help — they keep their rights and legal status as a person.

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