

**MINNESOTA DESIGNATION OF STANDBY GUARDIAN**

(Minn. Stat. 257B.04)

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of designator)  
do hereby appoint:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name, address, and telephone number of standby or temporary custodian) as  
the standby or temporary custodian of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert name(s) of child(ren))  
to take effect upon the occurrence of the following triggering event or events:

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert specific triggering  
events, e.g., "my death").

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert designator's relationship to child(ren))  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name(s) of child(ren)).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Insert name(s) of child(ren)'s other parent)  
is the other parent of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name(s) of child(ren)).

The other parent's address is: \_\_\_\_\_

(check all that apply):

.... The other parent died on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert date of death).

.... The other parent's parental rights were terminated on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (insert date of termination).

.... The other parent's whereabouts are unknown. I understand that all living  
parents whose rights have not been terminated must be given notice of this  
designation pursuant to the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure or a petition to  
approve this designation may not be granted by the court.

.... The other parent is unwilling and unable to make and carry out day-to-day  
child-care decisions concerning the child(ren).

.... The other parent consents to this designation and has signed this form  
below.

By this designation I am granting \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name of standby or temporary custodian) the authority to act for 60 days  
following the occurrence of the triggering event as a co-custodian with me, or in  
the event of my death, as custodian of my child(ren).

A temporary custodian appointment terminates upon the death of the  
designator.



**(Optional)** I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(insert name, address, and telephone number of alternate standby custodian) as the alternate standby custodian to assume the duties of the standby custodian named above if the standby custodian is unable or unwilling to act as a standby custodian.

If I have indicated more than one triggering event, it is my intent that the triggering event which occurs first shall take precedence. If I have indicated "my death" as the triggering event, it is my intent that the person named in the designation to be standby custodian for my child(ren) in the event of my death shall be appointed as guardian of my child(ren) under Minnesota Statutes, sections [524.5-201](#) to [524.5-317](#), upon my death.

It is my intention to retain full parental rights to the extent consistent with my condition and to retain the authority to revoke the appointment of a standby or temporary custodian if I so choose.

This designation is made after careful reflection, while I am of sound mind.

_____ (Date)	_____ (Designator's Signature)
_____ (Witness' Signature)	_____ (Witness' Signature)
_____ (Number and Street)	_____ (Number and Street)
_____ (City, State, and Zip Code)	_____ (City, State, and Zip Code)

**IF APPLICABLE:** I (insert name of other parent) hereby consent to this designation.

_____ (Date)	_____ (Signature of other parent)
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(Address of other parent)

I, (insert name of standby or temporary custodian), hereby accept my nomination as standby or temporary custodian of (insert child(ren)'s name(s)). I understand that my rights and responsibilities toward the child(ren) named above will become effective upon the occurrence of the above-stated triggering event or events. I further understand that in order to continue caring for the child(ren), I must file a petition with the court within 60 days of the occurrence of the triggering event.

_____ (Date)	_____ (Signature of Standby or Temporary Custodian)
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