



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of Justice



Public Trustee

# What's the difference between the Public Trustee and Public Advocate?



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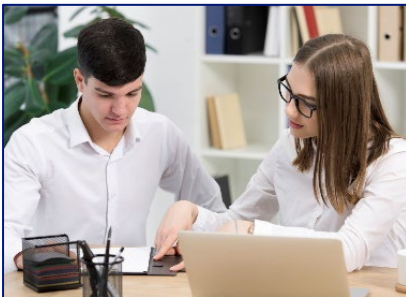


## About this booklet

This booklet is written by the Public Trustee of Western Australia. When you see the word **we** it means Public Trustee of Western Australia.



This booklet is written so it is easy to read. The first time we use hard words we write them in **blue**. Then we explain what the word in **blue** means.



You can get someone to help you:

- read this booklet
- know what this booklet is about.



You can ask for more information.



## Which office can help you?



The **Public Trustee** and the **Office of the Public Advocate** are two separate and different offices. They are also called **PT** and **OPA**.

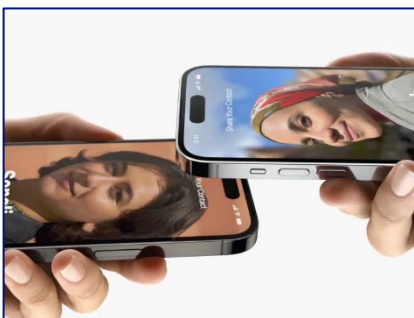


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If the Public Trustee is your administrator, a Public Trustee Trust Manager looks after your money and makes decisions about your money.



If the Public Advocate is your guardian, they make lifestyle decisions such as where you live and your medical treatment.



Some people need to contact both – if the Public Trustee looks after your money AND the Public Advocate makes your lifestyle decisions.

## What's the difference?



The Public Trustee and the Public Advocate are in separate buildings and are separate from each other.



If you need to talk about money, paying bills or selling things ...



these are **financial decisions** – contact your Trust Manager (administrator) at the Public Trustee.



If you need to talk about where you live, your medicine, health or services ...



these are **lifestyle decisions** – contact your Guardian at the Public Advocate.

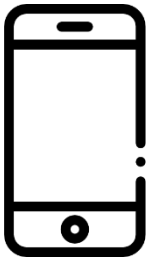
## Contact the Public Trustee for money decisions



Your Trust Manager's email or  
[public.trustee@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:public.trustee@justice.wa.gov.au)



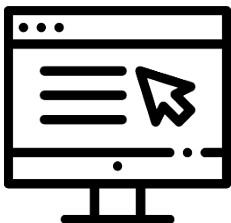
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Your Trust Manager's phone number or  
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## Contact the Public Advocate for lifestyle decisions

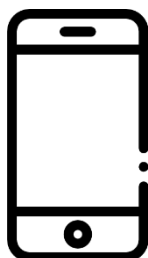


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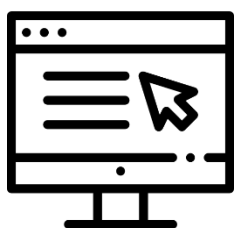


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