

## Translation – Martu to Plain English



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### What is a guardian?

1. The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) is like an umpire.
2. It helps to settle arguments fairly.
3. It can also decide if someone needs a guardian.
4. A guardian is a person who can make big life decisions about someone who has a decision-making disability.
5. These decisions can be things like where someone lives, what services they receive or what medical treatment they need.
6. A guardian does **NOT** make decisions about money.
7. A guardian is often someone's family member or friend.
8. If family or friends are not available, the Public Advocate can be chosen as the guardian.
9. Office of the Public Advocate guardians are government workers and their job is to help protect people with decision-making disabilities.
10. A guardian working for the Office of Public Advocate can be contacted on 9278 7300.
11. You can ask for an interpreter to help.
12. For more information, look up [publicadvocate.wa.gov.au](http://publicadvocate.wa.gov.au)
13. Authorised by the Office of Public Advocate, spoken by Aboriginal Interpreting WA.

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