

About Key Murray Law

Our lawyers combine the client-focused service of a local firm, with global-firm experience.

As the largest independent law firm on Prince Edward Island, our experienced and dedicated lawyers are here to help you from one of our convenient locations in Charlottetown, Summerside, and O'Leary.

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Making a
**Power of Attorney &
Health Care Directive**



We Are Here To Help You

The lawyers at Key Murray Law would be happy to meet with you to discuss preparing your Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives.

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Power of Attorney And Health Care Directive

PLANNING FOR INCAPACITY

Making a Power of Attorney and Health Care Directive is a proactive way to plan for unforeseen events in the future.

A Power of Attorney may provide you with protection by providing your appointee with the power to decide who manages your affairs if you become legally incapacitated. In some circumstances, you may require a specific Power of Attorney for a specific task.

Health Care Directives, sometimes called living wills, provide direction to a proxy chosen by you concerning personal and medical care in the event that you can no longer make related decisions.

REASONS FOR HAVING A POWER OF ATTORNEY

Failure to have a properly drafted Power of Attorney may result in your family being forced to make a formal application to Court to have a Committee appointed to manage your affairs pursuant to the *Public Trustee Act* and a Guardian appointed to make personal decisions pursuant to the *Mental Health Act*.

REASONS FOR HAVING A HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE

Making a current Health Care Directive allows you to provide clear direction to a chosen proxy to ensure

your wishes concerning health care, including treatment of conditions and circumstances within which treatment is to be refused, are carried out. A copy of it may be given to your family members, your doctor and/or local hospital.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The *Powers of Attorney Act* states that certain language must be contained within your Power of Attorney before it may be used during subsequent legal incapacity. It must also be properly signed and witnessed to be effective.

As the largest independently owned legal firm on Prince Edward Island, our experienced team will take care of you with the power of a large firm, but with a personal touch. We'll work with you to make important decisions as you plan for your future, and ensuring the best outcomes for the ones you love.



A Health Care Directive must be signed by you and the proxy or proxies you appoint in order to be a valid directive.

WHAT YOUR LAWYER WILL NEED TO KNOW

Power of Attorney

- Your full name and address;
- Name(s) and address(es) of person(s) you want to act as your Attorney(ies) and any alternate(s); and,
- Any conditions you wish to impose on your Attorney(ies)

Health Care Directive

- Your full name and address;
- Name(s) and address(es) of person(s) you want to appoint as Proxy(ies) and any alternate(s);
- Specific directions for health care, including limitations of authorized treatment options, if any;
- Any personal value statement or beliefs you wish to include, if any; and,
- Any instructions concerning organ donation, if any.

Have More Questions?

If you have more questions please let us know. Our team will be *happy to assist you* and provide answers.

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