



Inclusive Family Document Guide

Adults (18+) — Texas

- **Statutory Durable Power of Attorney (Financial)** — Texas Estates Code §§ 751–752 — Authorizes a trusted agent to manage banking, benefits, and property; acknowledged before a notary.
- **Medical Power of Attorney** — Texas Health & Safety Code § 166.164 — Names a health-care agent if you cannot decide; notary or two witnesses (notary widely accepted).
- **Directive to Physicians (Living Will)** — HSC Ch. 166 — States end-of-life preferences; notary or two witnesses; notarized directives are commonly accepted.
- **Supported Decision-Making Agreement** — Texas Estates Code Ch. 1357 — Adult keeps rights; chooses supporters to help understand/communicate; may be executed before a notary.
- **Declaration of Guardian for Self (pre-need)** — Texas Estates Code — States preferred/disqualified guardians if court finds a guardian necessary; often with self-proving affidavit.
- **Parent's Declaration to Appoint Guardian for an Adult Child with a Disability** — Estates Code — Parent declares preferred guardian for an adult child; include a notarized self-proving affidavit where applicable.

- **Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains — HSC § 711.002** — Names who will make funeral/cremation decisions; must be signed and acknowledged (notarized).
- **Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) — Estates Code Ch. 114** — Transfers real property at death outside probate; must be signed/acknowledged and recorded before death.
- **Lady Bird Deed (Enhanced Life Estate Deed)** — Similar outcome to TODD with more lifetime control; signed, notarized, and recorded.
- **Affidavit of Heirship — Estates Code Ch. 203** — Establishes heirs to real property when no probate; sworn before a notary and recorded.
- **Small Estate Affidavit — Estates Code Ch. 205** — Transfers a qualifying small estate without full probate; heirs/witnesses sign/sworn before a notary; filed with court.
- **TxDMV POA for Title Work — VTR-271 / VTR-271-A** — Authorizes an agent to sign title/odometer docs when you cannot appear; signatures notarized.
- **Deed of Gift / Gift Warranty Deed (Real Property)** — Transfers real property as a gift; deeds must be signed and acknowledged to record.
- **Release of Lien (Property or Vehicle)** — Lenders often require a notarized release so county records or DMV can update the title.
- **Revocation of Statutory Durable POA** — A notarized revocation helps banks/third parties accept the change promptly.

Important Notice

General information from public Texas/federal resources — not legal advice. **A Texas notary cannot** tell you which form to choose or how to complete it. Consult an attorney or the issuing agency. When you've decided which documents you need, book mobile or online notarization.

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