

GUARDIANSHIP COMPLAINT/INCIDENT REPORTS

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Any guardian, attorney or other person who has reasonable cause to believe that a ward is being abused, neglected, exploited or otherwise subjected to danger of emotional, physical or financial harm must immediately report it to the Court, describing in sufficient detail the bases for the belief (***Ottawa County Specific Form Guardianship Incident Report Form***). The Court will determine if the incident report will be made a part of the official record. The Court will promptly investigate all incident reports that it receives and will determine whether there is a reasonable basis for further action.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST GUARDIANS:

Any person or entity who has reasonable cause to believe that a guardian has engaged in any act of wrongdoing, neglect or other misconduct affecting the ward may file a complaint requesting a review hearing using (***Ottawa County Specific Form Guardianship Request for Review Hearing***). The person or entity filing the complaint must also send a copy of the completed complaint form to the Fiduciary against whom the allegations are made simultaneously with filing it in Court. The Court will promptly consider and investigate all complaints against a guardian that it receives. If the Court believes there is a reasonable basis for the allegations in the complaint, the Court will set the matter for hearing at the earliest available opportunity. The person or entity who filed the complaint must appear in person at the hearing to testify and prove the allegations. If they fail to appear, the Court may dismiss the complaint. The guardian must also appear in person at the hearing.