



# What happens if I don't choose a health care agent?

Washington State law lists who will make health care decisions for you if you cannot

## The order for who will decide is:

A guardian appointed by the state



Named **health care agent** with health care decision-making authority in the advance directive



Your **spouse** or **registered domestic partner** (even if separated)



Your **adult children** \*



Your **parents** \*



Your **adult siblings** \*



Your **adult grandchildren** \*



Your **adult nieces & nephews** \*



Your **adult aunts & uncles** \*



A **close friend** who meets certain criteria \*



**\*Any group that has more than one person: all in the group must agree to the care**