

The Joyce Model of Guardianship Adapted for the *Family Law Act*

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The guardians will exercise all parental responsibilities with respect to the child on the following terms:

1. in the event of the death of a guardian, the surviving guardian(s) will be the only guardian(s) of the child;
2. each guardian will have the obligation to advise the other guardian(s) of any matters of a significant nature affecting the child;
3. each guardian will have the obligation to discuss with the other guardians any significant decisions that have to be made concerning the child, including significant decisions about the health (except emergency decisions), education, religious instruction and general welfare;
4. the guardians will have the obligation to discuss significant decisions with each other and the obligation to try to reach agreement on those decisions;
5. in the event that the guardians cannot reach agreement on a significant decision despite their best efforts, the guardian with the majority of parenting time with the child will be entitled to make those decisions and the other guardian(s) will have the right to apply for directions on any decision the guardian(s) consider(s) contrary to the best interests of the child, under s. 49 of the *Family Law Act*; and,
6. each guardian will have the right to obtain information concerning the child directly from third parties, including but not limited to teachers, counsellors, medical professionals, and third party care givers.