

Does someone you know need a guardian or conservator?

Here are some factors to consider when assessing for incapacity.

General appearance

- Hearing impaired
- Vision impaired
- Clean, well-groomed
- Physically healthy
- Signs of substance abuse

Dressing

- Clothing is appropriate
- Can put on/remove all garments
- Requires assistance

Meals/Eating

- Obvious weight loss/gain
- Reduced appetite
- Ability to cook for self

Bathing

- Able to get in/out of bath/shower
- Able to wash all body parts
- Body odor

Toileting

- Incontinence of bladder/bowel
- Can manage incontinence without assistance

Medication management

- Prescriptions not filled
- Unable to take prescriptions appropriately

Money management

- Needs assistance

Ambulation

- Frequent, recent falls
- Awkward, unsteady gait
- Uses wheelchair or walker

Transit

- Able to drive
- Uses/needs public transportation

Telephone

- Able to dial
- Able to locate phone numbers
- Uses/needs TTY/TTD

Housingkeeping

- Odor
- Clutter
- Animals
- Dirty dishes
- Bathroom dirty/not useable

Mental health

- Memory loss
- Dementia/Alzheimer's
- Disoriented
- Needs evaluation

Signs of abuse

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional/psychological
- Financial exploitation
- Self-neglect