

The way it's written in the Act...



*Guiding Principles of the
Vulnerable Persons Act*

And now in plain language...



1. WHEREAS Manitobans recognize that vulnerable persons are presumed to have the capacity to make decisions affecting themselves, unless demonstrated otherwise;
2. AND WHEREAS it is recognized that vulnerable persons should be encouraged to make their own decisions;
3. AND WHEREAS it is recognized that the vulnerable person's support network should be encouraged to assist the vulnerable person in making decisions so as to enhance his or her independence and self-determination;
4. AND WHEREAS it is recognized that any assistance with decision making that is provided to a vulnerable person should be provided in a manner which respects the privacy and dignity of the person and should be the least restrictive and least intrusive form of assistance that is appropriate in the circumstances;
5. AND WHEREAS it is recognized that substitute decision making should be invoked only as a last resort when a vulnerable person needs decisions to be made and is unable to make these decisions by himself or herself or with the involvement of members of his or her support network;



1. Vulnerable people are presumed able to make their own decisions.
2. Vulnerable people are encouraged to make their own choices.
3. If a Vulnerable person needs help to make a choice, the legislation encourages friends, family, and service providers to help him/her understand the choices to make an informed decision.
4. Any help provided must be respectful of the vulnerable person's privacy and dignity as an adult.
5. There may be a decision that the vulnerable person is unable to make, even with help. As a last resort a substitute decision maker can be identified.