



In the BC Family Law Act section 41 defines Parent Responsibilities as the following:

Parent Responsibilities

- a) Making day-to-day decisions affecting the child and having day-to-day care, control and supervision of the child;
- b) Making decisions respecting where the child will reside;
- c) Making decisions respecting with whom the child will live and associate;
- d) Making decisions respecting the child's education and participation in extracurricular activities, including the nature, extent and location;
- e) Making decisions respecting the child's cultural, linguistic, religious and spiritual upbringing and heritage, including, if the child is an aboriginal child, the child's aboriginal identity;
- f) Subject to section 17 of the Infants Act, giving refusing or withdrawing consent to medical, dental and other health-related treatments for the child;
- g) Applying for a passport, licence, permit, benefit, privilege or other thing for the child;
- h) Giving, refusing or withdrawing consent for the child, if consent is required;
- i) Receiving and responding to any notice that a parent or guardian is entitled or required by law to receive;
- j) Requesting and receiving from third parties health, education or other information respecting the child;
- k) Subject to any applicable provincial legislation
- l) Starting, defending, compromising or settling any proceeding relating to the child, and Identifying, advancing and protecting the child's legal and financial interests;
- m) Exercising any other responsibilities reasonably necessary to nurture the child's development.

In your agreement you will need to determine how parent responsibilities will be managed. In a shared parenting arrangement (parenting time is anywhere from 50/50 to 60/40) typically parents choose to share the responsibilities equally. In parenting time arrangements where one parent provides the majority of the parenting time you may want to consider what makes sense in terms of managing these responsibilities. It's important to note that assigning responsibilities does not change your status as a guardian.

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