

What does a legal guardian do?

Information for those who come alone to Sweden

If you are under 18 years of age and you come to Sweden without a parent or other adult who can represent you, a legal guardian will be made available to you. A legal guardian may be male or female and he/she will be the adult who will represent and assist you when you are in contact with the authorities. A legal guardian acts on your behalf so that you get what you need and what you are entitled to.

Who does my legal guardian work for?

The legal guardian is not employed by the Migration Board, municipality or any other authority. The legal guardian will assist you and look after your interests.

What does the legal guardian do?

Has contact with the lawyer (“public legal adviser”) who is dealing with your asylum case and the Migration Board

Makes sure you get a safe and good place to stay

Makes sure you are registered at a school and that you feel comfortable there

Makes sure you receive an “LMA card”

Applies for any allowances you may be entitled to

Accompanies you to meetings with the social services, school, Migration Board, the public legal adviser etc.

Decides on issues regarding your health, dental care and your finances

Helps you stay in touch with your family

What is the legal guardian not responsible for?

Providing you with money or food

Daily care and supervision

Activities and homework

Transporting you to and from recreational activities and meetings with the Migration Board, the social secretary etc.

The Committee of Chief Guardians is a committee that decides on legal guardians. The committee for Sigtuna, Sollentuna and Upplands Väsby is responsible for all of the legal guardians for unaccompanied minors in these municipalities.