

8 MYTHS ABOUT THE PROTECTION MANDATE

Together, let's overcome the obstacles that are still preventing some Québécois from taking one of the most important steps in securing their future: preparing their protection mandate.

In today's society, everyone looks after their own interests.

YET, 87% of respondents would take steps to obtain authorization to act on behalf of a loved one who was declared incapable.

I don't know whom to appoint as my mandatary.

YET, only 1.5% of respondents who don't have a mandate say they don't know whom they would appoint. A friend can also act as mandatary.

It'll take too long, I don't have time!

YET, fewer than 1 in 5 respondents who don't have a mandate said it was because they never had time. A general protection mandate can be drawn up quickly.

It's too expensive, I can't afford it!

YET, cost is an obstacle for fewer than 5% of respondents who don't already have a mandate. You can prepare your mandate for free using the form available on the Curateur public's website.

Incapacity is not a pleasant subject.

YET, fewer than 1% of respondents who had no protection mandate said it was because they find the whole subject morbid, and 27% of respondents who have a mandate consider it a gift to their loved ones.

I don't know what to do, it's too complicated!

YET, fewer than 1% of respondents who don't have a mandate think it's too complicated to set up. You can get help from a lawyer or a notary, or consult the Curateur public for assistance.

I'm afraid my mandatary will try to enforce my mandate while I'm still capable.

YET, only 8% of respondents think their protection mandate can be enforced simply because their mandatary believes they are incapable. Only the court has the authority to entrust the protection of your rights to another person.

I'm young and healthy!

YET, an incapacity can strike at any age; 42% of respondents who don't plan to prepare their mandate say that the possibility of an accident or an illness could spur them into action.