

## What's in a Registry?

▶ The following is basic information on some of the popular Registries in BC.

### Nidus Registry

- The Nidus Registry keeps a record of Representation Agreements, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Revocations of these documents. The Registry will soon be expanding to include other personal planning documents – information that might be needed when you are alive to ensure your wishes are known and respected.
- Registration with the Nidus Registry is voluntary.
- The Nidus Registry can register basic information as well as a copy of your legal document. Basic information includes the name of the person the document belongs to, the names and contact information of those appointed in the legal documents, the date the document was executed (signed and witnessed), and the location of the original document.
- You or your authorized representative or attorney may register your documents with the Nidus Registry; or you may have a lawyer or notary public register the documents for you.
- Registrants can update information and access documents using the Nidus Registration Number and password.
- Authorized Access Users (third parties such as financial institutions, hospitals, care facilities, government agencies, etc.) who have completed Nidus security measures may obtain a copy of information in the Nidus Registry based on the permission provided by Registrants at the time of registration.
- The Nidus Registry is operated by the Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre, a non-profit charitable organization, in partnership with the Law Society of BC's Juricert Program.
- You can contact the Nidus Registry at 604-408-7414 or [registry@nidus.ca](mailto:registry@nidus.ca)



### Organ Donor Registry

- The Organ Donor Registry (ODR) is the way to legally record your decision about organ and tissue donation.
- The ODR is the only way to record this decision and replaces all previous methods such as placing a decal on your driver's license or Care Card.
- Registration is voluntary. It allows you to state which organs and tissue you want to donate. You can also register that you do not wish to donate any organs or tissue.
- You can register with the ODR in one of four ways:
  1. Complete the [form on-line](#).
  2. Request a brochure by mail by contacting BC Transplant.
  3. Pick up a brochure from a driver service centre, any London Drugs location, ICBC autoplan centres, ICBC claim centres, or your doctor's office.
  4. Download and print a hard copy of the [form](#) to fill in
- Hospital personnel may access the ODR using a confidential, secure Internet access system which searches by your BC Care Card number.
- The Organ Donor Registry is operated by BC Transplant, an agency of the Provincial Health Authority.
- You can contact BC Transplant at 1-800-663-6189 or visit <http://www.transplant.bc.ca/index.asp>

## Wills Registry

- The Wills Registry allows you to register information about your Will, called a Wills Notice.
- A Wills Notice records the name, sex, date of birth, and birthplace of the person who made the Will. It also lists where the original Will is located, and the date the Will was executed (signed and witnessed).
- You cannot register a copy of your Will with the Wills Registry.
- Registering your Will is voluntary. However, if the Will must be probated, the courts require that a Will Search be conducted before an estate can be probated and settled.
- Anyone is eligible to conduct a search of Wills Notice of a deceased person. There is an application form and fee required to complete a search. You must provide a death certificate or a statutory declaration that proves the adult is deceased.
- To be eligible to conduct a search of Wills Notice for a person who is living, you must be a lawyer acting on their behalf, or the maker of the Will.
- You can mail or drop off your application for filing a Wills Notice or application for Search of Wills Notice at any British Columbia Vital Statistics Office. Requests can also be placed online through BC OnLine but you must be a registered BC OnLine customer to do this.
- The Wills Registry is operated by the Vital Statistics Agency of the British Columbia Ministry of Health.
- You can contact Vital Statistics through Enquiry BC. In Victoria call 250-387-6121; in Vancouver call 604-660-2421; all other BC locations call 1-800-663-7867. Or visit <http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/wills/index.html>

## Land Title Registry

- The Land Title Registry is BC's official legal record of private property ownership – your land title.
- The Land Title Registry can also register property transfers, mortgages, releases, transmissions, builder liens and many other documents affecting land ownership and use.
- Documents are registered primarily by lawyers, notaries public, land surveyors, registry agents and other real estate professionals on behalf of their clients.
- If you want to have a copy of your title for your personal records, your lawyer, notary public, or [registry agent](#) can apply for a State of Title Certificate, which is a certified true copy of your title. There is a fee for this service.
- For a less formal printout of your title, you may obtain a computer-generated 'title search print', for a fee, from a [Land Title Office](#) or through the professionals listed above.
- You can access land title and survey records in BC through a lawyer, notary public, land surveyor; an independent [registry agent](#) (you can find a list of agents at the [BC Association of Professional Registry Agents](#); a [BC Government Agent](#); or in person at any Land Title and Survey Authority [Land Title Office](#).
- The Land Title Registry is operated by the Land Title and Survey Authority of B.C., an independent corporation established by the BC Legislature.
- You can contact the Land Title Registry Offices in New Westminster at 604-660-2595; in Kamloops at 250-828-4455; in Victoria at 250-387-6331 or visit <http://www.ltsa.ca>

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