

Cancel (revoke) a Power of Attorney

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You can cancel (revoke) your power of attorney at any time by giving a written notice to your agent. (Form and instructions)

Form attached:

Revocation of Power of Attorney (NJP Planning 502)

What is a power of attorney?

A power of attorney form lets you choose a trusted friend or relative to help you with your finances, health care decisions, mental health care, or parental powers. The trusted friend or relative is called your “agent.”

Can I cancel my power of attorney?

Yes. You can cancel (you can **revoke**) your power of attorney at any time by giving a written notice to your agent. You can use our [data-entity-type="media" data-entity-uuid="2ba4163e-0b7d-40ef-92c7-659ead90f6dd" data-entity-substitution="media" title="Revocation of Power of Attorney">Revocation of Power of Attorney](#) form or write your own.

Give a copy of the revocation notice to your medical providers, bank, school, and other places that might still have or accept the old power of attorney. If possible, retrieve and destroy copies of your revoked power of attorney, or tell those who have revoked copies to destroy them. Keep one copy of your revoked power of attorney in your records with the word “REVOKED” written across the front.

Does the form or letter I use to revoke my power of attorney have to be notarized?

No. Your revocation notice does **not** have to be notarized. Our form has notary information in case you want to notarize it.

What if my agent stole money or harmed me?

You should revoke your power of attorney right away. Make sure you give copies of the form or letter you use to revoke your power of attorney to your medical providers, bank, school, and other places that might still have or accept the old power of attorney. You can report the agent to local law enforcement or Adult Protective Services (APS).

If you’re concerned for your safety even after you revoke your power of attorney, you may need to go to court for a protection order against the agent.

Can I choose a different agent?

Yes. After you revoke your old power of attorney, you can sign a new power of attorney form to choose a different agent. In your new power of attorney form, make sure it says all earlier power of attorney forms are revoked.

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Revocation of Power of Attorney



Use this form if you want to **cancel** (revoke) a Power of Attorney. We recommend you sign this form in front of a notary, but notarization is not required.

My name is _____. I hereby revoke the Power of Attorney for
(check all that apply):

☐ Finances

☐ Health Care

☐ Mental Health Care

☐ Parental Powers

☐ Other (describe): _____

that I gave to (agent name) _____ and any alternate
agents (name/s, if any): _____.



Sign here _____

_____ Date

Notarization (optional)

State of Washington

County of _____

Signed or attested before me on (date) _____

by (name) _____.



Signature of Notary _____

Notary Public for the State of Washington.

My commission expires _____.