

**DO-IT-YOURSELF**  
**ON-LINE FORMS--**  
**FREE???**

We can now get anything and everything on-line, we don't even need our libraries anymore or, you might say...a lawyer that you have to pay to get the same thing accomplished that you can get on-line. OR DO YOU??

On-line forms, such as powers of attorney, wills, trust agreements, and contracts do not take your specific circumstances into account. Forms do not answer questions you have about your future . Where are the blanks to fill in for those provisions? Is my document properly witnessed under Indiana law?

If you are able to get your "free" form, now what. What do I do with the document that I have signed, where is the best place to keep it, do I tell someone what I have done and where I am putting it? If I have prepared a power of attorney or a health care power of attorney, do I need to deliver them to the named individuals or what about my doctor? Does my doctor's office need to know the health care power of attorney exists? Well, I guess I can go back on-line and ask that question, and hope that the answer applies to the state I live in? The old adage is a person who represents themselves has a fool for a client. This saying is just as true now as it was when we still used books.

We tell our clients all the time, it is easier to keep you out of trouble than to get you out of trouble. Be proactive and consult a lawyer BEFORE you make an on-line move. You may be surprised to find out that keeping you out of trouble is a lot less costly than getting you out of trouble.