

Psychiatric Patient Rights*

1. Right to be free from discrimination.
2. Right to receive a statement of your rights and have rights posted.
3. Right to have confidential records maintained.
4. Right of access to patient advocate and lawyer.
5. Right to be treated with dignity.
6. Right to privacy.
7. Right to freedom from unreasonable searches.
8. Right to humane and safe environment.
9. Right not to be fingerprinted.
10. Right not to be photographed except for confidential identification.
11. Right not to perform labor.
12. Right to participate in planning your own treatment.
13. Right not to be subjected to experimentation.
14. Right not to be subjected to hazardous treatment.
15. Right to be free from unnecessary restraint and isolation.
16. Right to be free from abuse and neglect.
17. Right to appropriate referrals upon discharge.
18. Right to freedom from unnecessary or excessive medications.
19. Right to informed consent.
20. Right to file complaints.
21. Right to comfort and safety.
22. Right to visit and receive visitors.
23. Right to private telephone conversations.
24. Right to send and receive mail.
25. Right to wear your own clothing and to use your personal possessions.
26. Right to adequate clothing.
27. Right to personal hygiene and grooming.
28. Right to read books and materials of your own choice.
29. Right to keep and spend your money.
30. Right to practice your religion.
31. Right to adequate diet.
32. Right to regular exercise.
33. Right to be outdoors.
34. Right to interact with opposite sex.
35. Right to appropriate treatment in the least restrictive environment.
36. Right to prompt and adequate medical treatment.
37. Right to a treatment plan.
38. Right to re-examination within 30 days of your admission.
39. Right to individualized discharge plan.
40. Right to advanced medical directive.

**Rights are only reasonably restricted due to court orders, treatment decisions, and security concerns.
A full explanation is available at the nursing station.*