



We have the legal right of way.

YOU HAVE RIGHTS. Know Them.

Under Ohio Administrative Code Sections 5122-14 and 5122.29, you have:

1. **The right** to be informed within 24 hours of admission of your rights and the right to request a written copy of these rights in language and terms you can understand.
2. **The right** to speak to a financial counselor.
3. **The right** to be treated in a safe environment with respect to personal dignity, autonomy, and privacy.
4. **The right** to receive humane services and participate in available services that are consistent with your treatment plan in the least restrictive setting.
5. **The right** to reasonable protection from physical or emotional abuse or harassment, assault or battery by any other person.
6. **The right** to actively participate in an individualized treatment plan that addresses your needs and specifies appropriate services.
7. **The right** to decline or consent to services.
8. **The right** to be free from restraint or seclusion unless there is a risk of physical harm to yourself or others.



9. **The right** to reasonable privacy and freedom from excessive visitors, guests, and non-hospital surveyors, contractors, construction crews and others.
10. **The right** to be advised of techniques such as one-way mirrors, tape recorders, television, movies, or photographs or other audio visual recording technology that do not include closed circuit cameras used in seclusion rooms or common areas.
11. **The right** to confidentiality unless a release of information is exchanged.
12. **The right** to have the grievance procedure explained orally and in writing; the right to grievance with assistance; and the right to have a grievance reviewed through the grievance process.
13. **The right** to receive services and participate in activities free of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, developmental disability, genetic information, and HIV status.
14. **The right** to exercise your rights without reprisal in any form.
15. **The right** to obtain an independent evaluation at your own expense.
16. **The right** to have your inpatient psychiatric provider not be your guardian or representative.
17. **The right** to have access to your own treatment records unless restricted for clear treatment reasons.
18. **The right** to be informed about service discontinuation and the right to have an explanation for denial of service.
19. **The right** not to be coerced to perform labor duties for the hospital.

20. **The right** to refuse medication when on voluntary admissions status or when you don't have a forced medication order.

Under Ohio Administrative Code Section 5122.29, all patients hospitalized or committed have the following rights unless restricted or withheld for clear treatment reasons:

1. **The right** to a written list of all rights for yourself, your legal guardian, and your counsel. If you are unable to read, the list shall be read and explained to you.
2. **The right** at all times to be treated with consideration and respect for your privacy and dignity, have your personal property safeguarded, and have reasonable protection from assault or battery by any other person.
3. **The right** to communicate freely with and be visited at reasonable times by your private counsel or personnel of Disability Rights Ohio and, unless prior court restriction has been obtained, to communicate freely with and be visited at reasonable times by your personal physician or psychologist.
4. **The rights** to communicate freely with others, receive visitors at reasonable times, and have reasonable access to telephones to make and receive confidential calls including a number of free calls if you are unable to pay for them and assistance in calling if requested unless specifically restricted in your treatment plan for clear treatment reasons.
5. **The right** to have ready access to letter writing materials, including a reasonable number of stamps without cost if unable to pay for them, and to mail and receive unopened correspondence and assistance in writing if requested and needed.

6. **The right** to wear your own clothes and maintain your own personal effects; To be provided an adequate allowance for or allotment of neat, clean, and seasonable clothing if you are unable to provide your own; To maintain your personal appearance according to your own personal taste, including head and body hair; To keep and use personal possessions, including toilet articles; To have access to individual storage space for your private use; To keep and spend a reasonable sum of your own money for expenses and small purchases; To receive and possess reading materials without censorship, except when the materials create a clear and present danger to the safety of persons in the facility.
7. **The right** to reasonable privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy.
8. **The right** to free exercise of religious worship within the facility, including a right to services and sacred texts that are within the reasonable capacity of the facility to supply, provided that no patient shall be coerced into engaging in any religious activities.
9. **The right** to social interaction with members of either sex, subject to adequate supervision, unless such social interaction is specifically withheld under your written treatment plan for clear treatment reasons.