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A MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER
ABOUT YOUR
RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES

Right Here!

Rights of the Month

Send and Receive Mail
Make / Receive Calls
Spend Money
Be Safe
Vote
Live Where You Want
Belong to Groups
Have the Best Health
Practice Cultural and Religious Beliefs
Be Heard, Have Freedom of Expression
Be Free From Abuse, Neglect and Mistreatment
Have Personal Possessions
Have Privacy
Obtain Meaningful and Productive Work
Decide and Participate in What People Say, Share and Write About You
Make Decisions About Your Life
Have Family, Friends & Intimate Relationships
Express Grievances and Object to Services



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You Have the Right to Have Personal Possessions!

It's Important For People With Disabilities To Have Personal Possessions For Several Reasons:

1. **Autonomy and Independence:** Having personal possessions allows individuals with disabilities to make choices and decisions about their own lives, which fosters independence and autonomy
2. **Identity and Self-Expression:** Personal possessions can reflect an individual's interest, preferences, and values. This enables people to express themselves and maintain their identity.
3. **Security and Comfort:** Familiar personal belongings can provide emotional comfort and a sense of security, which is especially important for people with disabilities who may face unique challenges and stresses.
4. **Equality and Inclusion:** The right for people with disabilities to own personal belongings promotes inclusion and equality, recognizing their equal rights and dignity.



Regarding possessions and ownership, the Council on Quality Leadership (CQL) states, people with disabilities have the right to:

- Buy and acquire things of choice
- Sell and dispose of things
- Control the use of things by others
- Obtain protection and insurance for property and things
- Lock up, secure and keep things safe and private

It's necessary to recognize that people with disabilities have the same rights and desires as anyone else, including the right to own and manage personal possessions. This recognition promotes a more inclusive and supportive society.

- *Bridget Murphy, Quality Assurance and Training Specialist*

Personal Belongings

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A B G A W A X H U P
P A H L P A B E R A
T C P S A H T L S I
O K P I H S O C E N
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W A L L E T E E E I
H C F T V E U S S N
A K K E Y S Y R Z G
T J E W E L R Y E S

paintings

picture

phone

tablet

backpack

wallet

shoes

laptop

glasses

jewelry

watch

purse

TV

keys

hat