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[Legal Rights: Community Living](#)

Rights in Certain Community Living Settings

If you live in the community and receive services from a provider, your rights may also be protected. The websites below explain your rights and tell you how to file a complaint.

- [Home Care and Hospice Services](#) (licensed by the Virginia Department of Health)
- [Adult Day Care](#) (licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services)
- [Community-Based Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#) (licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services). Your human rights are protected in these programs under the [Human Rights Regulations](#).
- [General Hospital Services](#) (licensed by the Virginia Department of Health)
- [Children's Foster Care Services](#) (regulated by the Virginia Department of Social Services and federal laws)
- [Adult Foster Care](#) (Approved by local departments of social services and regulated by the Virginia Department of Social Services)
- [Family Day Homes](#) (licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services)

Rights No Matter Where You Live

There are many other rights that you have under other laws and regulations. There is also a Federal right to privacy of your medical information. You should ask the agency that is providing services to you for a copy of their privacy policy.

Whether you live in an institution or in the community, you have a right to be free from physical, mental or financial mistreatment by a caregiver or other person. The Adult Protective Services Program at your [Local Department of Social Services](#) can look into your concerns and offer assistance to stop or prevent mistreatment. They have a toll-free 24-hour Hotline you can contact at 1-888-83 ADULT (1-888-832-3858).

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