



# RESIDENT RIGHTS

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## INTRODUCTION

This document describes the inalienable rights that Sunstone residents possess while actively residing at a Sunstone property. The statements below clearly dictate what a resident can expect from Sunstone staff, other residents and the community at large. If a resident believes that their rights have been infringed upon, they should contact a member of the Sunstone staff immediately.

The resident rights are as follows:

1. The right to be verbally informed of all resident rights in language and terms appropriate for the resident's understanding, prior to or at the time of residency, absent a crisis or emergency.
2. The right to request a written copy of all resident rights and the grievance procedures and to be provided said documentation in less than 48 hours.
3. The right to exercise one's own rights without reprisal, except that no right extends so far as to supersede health and safety considerations for the resident or fellow residents or staff.
4. The right to file a grievance.
5. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy, respect and with consideration for personal dignity, autonomy and privacy.
6. The right to receive services in the least restrictive and most practical environment.
7. The right to receive humane services in a clean, safe, comfortable, welcoming, stable and supportive environment.
8. The right to reasonable protection from physical, sexual and emotional abuse and exploitation.
9. The right to freedom from unnecessary or excessive medication and the right to decline medication.
10. The right to be free from restraint or seclusion.
11. The right to be advised and the right to refuse observation by others and by techniques such as one-way vision mirrors, tape recorders, video recorders, television, movies, photographs or other audio and visual technology. *This right does not prohibit a facility from using closed-circuit monitoring to observe areas in the facility other than bathrooms or sleeping areas, or other areas where privacy is reasonably expected.*
12. The right to confidentiality of communication and personal identifying information within the limitations and requirements for disclosure of resident information under state and federal laws and regulations.
13. The right to have access to one's own records.
14. The right to be informed of one's own condition and status at Sunstone.

15. The right to not be discriminated against on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, developmental disability, genetic information, human immunodeficiency virus status, or in any other manner prohibited by local, state or federal laws.
16. The right to practice a religion of one's own choice or to abstain from the practice of religion entirely.
17. The right to be informed in writing of the rates charged by Sunstone as well as any additional charges levied by Sunstone, and to receive thirty-day notice in writing of any change in the rates and charges.
18. The right to continued residency unless the facility is no longer able to meet the residents care requirements or the resident no longer needs the level of care provided by Sunstone. In addition, the resident may be asked to leave if the resident presents a documented danger to other residents, staff or visitors, if weekly charges have not been paid for more than seven days or if the resident is discharged from their comprehensive outpatient addiction treatment program.
19. The right to receive thirty days prior written notice for termination of residency except in an emergency when the resident presents a documented danger to other residents, staff or visitors.
20. The right not to be locked out of the facility at any time.
21. The right not to be locked in the facility at any time for any reason.
22. The right to consult with an independent treatment specialist or legal counsel at one's own expense.
23. The right to communicate freely with and be visited at reasonable times by private counsel and, unless prior court restriction has been obtained, to communicate freely with and be visited at reasonable times by a personal physician, psychologist or other healthcare providers. Employees of a recovery housing board, personnel of the Ohio protection and advocacy system, or representatives of the state long-term-ombudsman program may visit at any time when permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. *The right to communicate includes receiving written communications, which may be opened and inspected by facility staff in the presence of the resident recipient so long as the communication is then not read by the staff and given immediately to the resident.*
24. The right to meet with staff from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) in private.
25. The right to not be deprived of any legal rights solely by reason of residence in the facility.
26. The right to personal property and possessions.

27. The right of an adult resident to manage their own financial affairs and to possess a reasonable sum of money.
28. The right to use the common areas of the facility as provided to all residents.
29. The right to engage in or refrain from engaging in activities.
30. The right of a resident to engage in or refrain from engaging in cultural, social or community activities of the residents own choosing in the facility and in the community.
31. The right to meet or communicate with family or guardians, visitors and guests.
32. The right to make and/or receive confidential phone calls including free local calls.
33. To write or receive uncensored, unopened correspondence subject to the facility's rules regarding contraband.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have received, understand and agree to these rights.

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Signature of Resident

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Date

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Signature of Sunstone Representative

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Date