

OUR MISSION

Disability Rights South Dakota is the non-profit legal services agency dedicated to protecting and advocating for the rights and inclusion of South Dakotans with disabilities.

TIPS FOR BEING AN EFFECTIVE SELF-ADVOCATE

- Keep copies of ALL your records and reports.
- Ask questions when you have them.
- Be heard! Remember that YOUR goals and objectives should set your life course.

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NURSING HOME RESIDENTS' RIGHTS

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**RESIDENTS'
BILL OF RIGHTS*
PROVIDES RESIDENTS WITH
THE RIGHT TO:**

- Privacy
- Accommodation of physical, mental, and psychosocial needs
- Communicate freely
- Be treated with dignity
- Be free from mistreatment, abuse, and neglect
- Exercise self-determination, making your own life choices
- Voice grievances without facing reprisal or discrimination
- Be free from physical restraints
- Participate in family and resident groups

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(continued):**

- Participate in their own care plan, including advance notice of changes in treatment, care, or facility status
- Have access to the Ombudsman and/or the state's advocacy group (Disability Rights South Dakota)

• You should also be provided a copy of your rights from the nursing home, which is a publication from Department of Human Services, Long Term Services and Supports, which can be found at: https://dhs.sd.gov/LTSS/docs/longterm_carefacilities.pdf

**REQUIRED RESIDENT
SERVICES UNDER THE
NURSING HOME REFORM
ACT (1987) INCLUDE:**

- Access to nursing, social, and rehabilitation services
- Access to dietary and pharmaceutical services
- Periodic assessment of each resident
- A comprehensive care plan developed specially for each resident
- Access to a full-time social worker if facility has over 120 beds