



## Resident Council Rights

### Your Rights

Federal and state law gives many rights to nursing home residents. The law includes the following requirements for resident councils.

#### Resident Council Rights:

- The nursing home must provide you with a private place to meet.
- Staff must choose a designated staff person who the resident council approves.
- The nursing home must consider the views of the resident council and act promptly upon concerns and recommendations.
  - The facility must be able to show their response and reason for the response.
  - This does not mean that the facility must approve every request of the resident council.
- People other than the residents cannot attend the resident council unless invited and approved by the council.
- When asked by the resident council, the facility must help notify residents and family members about the council meetings and offer to advertise and take notes at the council meetings.

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## You have the right to:

Be fully informed and participate in your own care

Voice your concerns

Privacy and confidentiality

Make your own choices

Dignity and respect

## What are the benefits of a Resident Council?

- A place to talk to the people who support you
- Discuss and solve problems
- Plan things you enjoy doing
- Learn new things
- Create committees
- Support for your individual choices

## Discussion

- How do you think your council is doing?
- Do you like coming to the meetings?
- What would make your council better?
- Do staff provide responses to concerns that you raise?

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

*- Margaret Mead*