



Mental Capacity Act Northern Ireland 2016

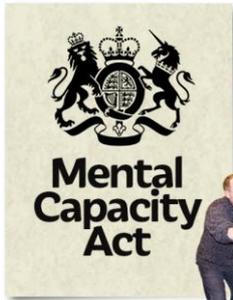


Safeguards



This leaflet tells you about
Deprivation of Liberty
Safeguards

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The Mental Capacity Act



The Mental Capacity Act is a law.



The Mental Capacity Act is for people who have difficulty making their own decisions. These decisions could be about money or health.



The Mental Capacity Act is about supporting people to make their own decisions and choices.



The Mental Capacity Act helps to protect people who have difficulty making their own decisions and choices.

Safeguards



Deprivation of Liberty



Deprivation of Liberty is part of The Mental Capacity Act.



Hospital



A deprivation of liberty happens in a place where you are getting care and treatment. This place could be a hospital, a nursing home or a day centre.



Day Centre



To keep you safe the staff and carers in that place will stop you from leaving the place.

Safeguards



Deprivation of Liberty



To keep you safe staff and carers may have to know where you are. This is called supervision.



To keep you safe staff and carers may have to be in charge certain things like your medication, what you eat or where you go.

Safeguards



If all these things are happening to you it is a deprivation of liberty.



If you are deprived of your liberty staff and carers must follow rules to protect you. These rules are called safeguards



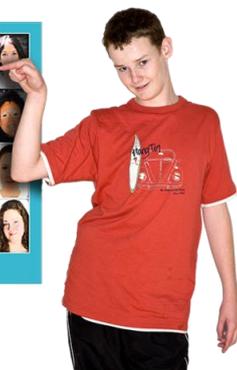
The Safeguards



Staff must believe that you are not able to make your own decisions or choices. This means you do not have capacity.



Staff and carers have to decide what is in your best interests. This means they have to do what is best for you.



You can choose someone to tell staff and carers what you want. This is called a nominated person.



Staff and carers have to talk to your nominated person. The nominated person will tell staff and carers what you want.



The Safeguards



Staff and Carers have to believe that you could hurt yourself or other people.



Staff and Carers have to write all this information down on special forms.



These forms will be looked at by other people.



These people will decide if staff and carers can deprive you of your liberty to keep you safe. This is called an authorisation.

Rights



Your Rights



You have to be given help and support to make decisions and choices about your care and treatment.



You have to be told about the deprivation of liberty so you can tell people what you want.



You have the right to be given the information about your deprivation of liberty.



To deprive you of your liberty staff and carers must make sure that all the safeguards are done.

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