

# NURSING HOME NEGLECT

You Have Rights!

Many of us trust nursing homes and hospitals to care for the people we love. Many times that trust is well placed, other times it is not. Abuse and neglect in nursing homes and even hospitals has become a serious problem. Nursing home abuse and/or neglect can involve not only the physical well-being of the resident, but also the mental, and/or psychological well-being of the resident. However, there is hope. [The Nursing Home Bill of Rights](#) was created to help protect families just like yours.

## **As a nursing home resident, you have the right to:**

- Dignity, respect and a comfortable living environment
- Quality of care and treatment without discrimination
- Freedom of choice to make your own, independent decisions
- The safeguard of your property and money
- Safeguards in admission transfer and discharge
- Privacy in communications
- Participate in organizations and activities of your choice
- An easy to use and responsive complaint procedure
- Exercise all of your rights without fear of reprisals.

Today, nursing homes and hospitals can be held liable for their neglect and/or abuse of those individuals under their care and supervision. If you know of someone who may have been mistreated in a nursing home or in a hospital, give us a call to discuss the matter in greater detail. We can help!