

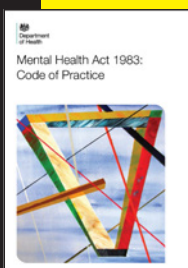


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An easy read fact sheet

# Questions to ask when you are detained

Questions for you to  
ask if you are detained  
under the Mental  
Health Act.



## Know your rights

The Mental Health Act  
Code of Practice

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Sometimes it's difficult to know the right questions to ask. In this fact sheet we suggest some questions for you to ask hospital staff.

## Questions for you to ask

- ? Why am I here – how will hospital help me?
- ? Do I have to stay?
- ? How long do I have to stay?
- ? How can I stay in touch with my friends and family?





- ? Can I go out of the hospital and go for a walk?
- ? Can I still do what I do during the day?
- ? How do I leave the hospital?
- ? How will you make sure I stay well and don't come back into hospital?
- ? What will my support be like?
- ? Who decides what happens to me, their name and contact?
- ? Who can help me speak up about what I want?
- ? How do you keep me safe?
- ? What do I do if I don't feel safe?
- ? What are the rules I have to follow?



- ? What happens if I do something wrong, if I don't follow the rules?
- ? How do I make a complaint?
- ? Who do I talk to about my treatment?
- ? Can I bring my personal things with me?
- ? What things can't I have?
- ? What do I do if I have a problem with another patient?





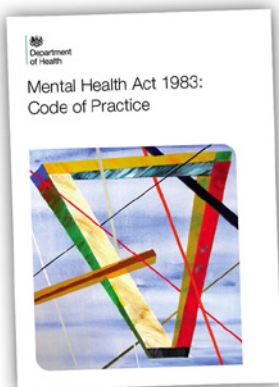


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# The Mental Health Act Code of Practice

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