



Know Your Rights

Homelike Environment

You have a right to live in an environment that is clean, comfortable and feels like home.

You have the right to:

- Furnish and decorate your room with personal belongings.
- Choose a roommate when sharing a room.
- Have and use a lockable door if you live in Assisted Living.
- Have someone to clean and fix things to keep a neat and orderly environment (housekeeping and maintenance).
- Private space for personal belongings in each room. Adequate lighting levels.
- Comfortable sound levels.
- Safe and comfortable room temperatures.

“Home is where we should feel secure and comfortable.”

*Helen Rowland,
journalist*

Things to Think About:

1. What does “homelike” mean to you?
2. What are your most cherished belongings?
3. How has the meaning of home changed throughout your life?

Contact the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

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Fill in the blank

Use your creativity: When you think of home, what comes to your mind? These could be words, images, items, sounds, smells, feelings, and/or memories. *Example: the quilt your mom made for you, the sound of windchimes, the smell of ground coffee.*



Look like



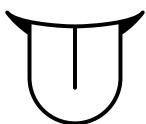
Smell like



Feel like



Sound like



Taste like