

## STORAGE SPACE - - RIGHT TO

### THE LAW

Each patient shall... "Be provided access to a reasonable amount of **individual secure storage space** for his or her private use."

§ 51.61(1)(r), Wis. Stats. [Emphasis added.]

"(1) Each **inpatient** shall be provided sufficient and convenient **space for clothing, toilet articles** and other **personal belongings**, as required under s. 51.61(1)(r), Stats., and this section.

(2) Individual storage space shall be **conveniently accessible** to the patient, shall accommodate hanging of clothes and shall be **lockable** or **otherwise made secure** if **requested** by the patient." DHS 94.27, Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

(3) **Personal storage space** may be searched only if there is documented reason to believe a violation of the facility's **security regulations** has occurred and the **patient is given the opportunity to be present** during the search, **except in forensic units** where **routine searches** may be conducted in accordance with written facility policies."

DHS 94.27, Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

[NOTE: This right may be **limited or denied** for treatment or security reason. See the CRLD (Client Rights Limitation or Denial) section of this digest.]

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### DECISIONS

[None at this time.]

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