

South Australian Charter of the Rights and Freedoms of Older People

Dignity and self-determination	<p>1. Older people have the right to be treated with dignity and humanity and to be free to exercise personal self-determination.</p> <p>2. Older people have the right to freedom of movement and to choose their place of residence. These rights shall only be restricted in accordance with law, where such restriction is necessary to protect public health, public order and the rights and freedoms of others.</p>
Liberty and security of the person	<p>3. Older people have the right to be free from torture or other forms of cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment.</p> <p>4. Older people have the right to liberty and security and to be free from exploitation and physical, social, psychological, financial and sexual abuse. No person shall be deprived of their liberty except in accordance with procedures established by law.</p>
Equality and non-discrimination	<p>5. Older people have the right to exercise their rights free from all forms of discrimination, whether on the basis of age, sex, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political opinion, educational qualification, national origin or ethnicity.</p> <p>6. Older people have the right to recognition before the law and to be treated equally before the law.</p>
Standards of living and care	<p>7. Older people have the right to food to nurture them nutritionally and emotionally, adequate clothing and shelter, adequate means and resources, to enjoy the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health and the right to a dignified death.</p>
Privacy and family	<p>8. Older people have the right to be free from arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence.</p> <p>9. Older people have the right to a family life and to have their family unit respected by others, including government agencies and officials.</p>
Social and economic participation	<p>10. Older people have the right to freely associate with others and to participate fully in the social, economic and cultural life of their community.</p>
Freedom of thought, conscience, spirituality, religion and expression	<p>11. Older people have the right to exercise freedom of thought, conscience, spirituality and religion.</p> <p>12. Older people have the right to freedom of opinion and expression and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas, and to lifelong learning. Older adults have the right to seek, and be provided with, personal information about them held by government agencies or officials.</p>



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