



Rights for housing and support
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The right to enjoy things that belong to you is part of Protocol 1 of Article 1 of the Human Rights Act.



This right means you should be able to enjoy things that belong to you, including your home and some benefits.



Staff in public services are not allowed to control things that belong to you or take them away.



Staff in public bodies can sometimes make decisions or do things that limit this right.

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Staff in public bodies must make sure that their decision is:



- **Lawful – is there a law saying this is allowed?**



- **For a good reason – why is this decision being made?**



The good reasons are written down in the law and they cannot be made up.

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Normally a good reason is to keep you or other people safe.



You can find out more about your right to enjoy things that belong to you: <https://www.bihhr.org.uk/get-informed/what-rights-do-i-have/the-right-to-peaceful-enjoyment-of-possessions>

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