



# Rights for housing and support

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**The right to private and family life, home and contact is Article 8 of the Human Rights Act.**



**This right protects lots of day-to-day things like:**



- **Your wellbeing.**



- **Having control and being involved in decisions about you.**

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- **Being a part of your community, including the people and places that are important to you.**



- **Keeping in touch with people who are important to you.**



- **Keeping your private information safe.**



- **Being able to enjoy where you live.**

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**This means if you have a home that you like, this shouldn't be taken away from you.**



**There are some cases where staff in public services don't need to follow this right to a family life.**



**This should only happen if it is:**



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



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- 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.



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



- It is the best option – All options have been thought about and considered to find the best thing to do.

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**Tim and Sylvia's story is an example of this right being important in real life.**



**You can watch their story:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DzDu4BZUJE>



**You can find out more about your right to private and family life, home and contact:**  
<https://www.bihhr.org.uk/the-right-to-private-and-family-life>

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