

HOW DO YOU ACCESS THE INDEPENDENT RIGHTS ADVICE SERVICE?

Please Note: The Independent Rights Advice Service will begin the first stage of its soft launch during late January 2024. At this time, rights advice is offered only to people who are detained at the following hospitals or facilities: Lions Gate Hospital, Peace Arch Hospital, University Hospital of Northern British Columbia, Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Seven Oaks Tertiary Mental Health Facility and Red Fish Healing Centre.

Locations will continue to be added until the service is fully launched across the province. We will continue to update the website whenever a new facility is added.

HOW DO YOU BOOK A RIGHTS ADVICE MEETING?

If you would like to make a rights advice meeting:

- You can speak to a member of your treatment team. They will complete a Request for Rights Advice form with you and submit it on your behalf. After the Independent Rights Advice Service Intake Coordinator receives the form, they will contact the contact person at your facility to set up a rights advice meeting.
- If a member of your treatment team does not complete the form with you, contact the Independent Rights Advice Service Intake Coordinator at (604) 681-4070 for help.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR YOUR RIGHTS ADVICE MEETING?

Rights advice meetings will be primarily through videoconference. You will need:



A device that can connect to the Internet.



A stable Internet connection

If you are in a hospital or facility the staff must provide you with a device to access your rights advice meeting and privacy for the meeting.

You can also ask for an in-person meeting if you have an accessibility or cultural safety need that requires in-person services.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE RIGHTS ADVICE MEETING?

Rights advice meetings are for people who are experiencing detention and involuntary treatment. You can also choose to have a member of your support network attend your rights advice meeting with you. You must give your consent if you would like this to happen.

You can also have someone attend a meeting with you for accessibility and/or cultural safety needs. For example, you can ask for an interpreter or other communication support if you need it. When you book your meeting, you can share any accessibility and cultural safety needs you have.

You can also contact the Intake Coordinator at 604-681-4070 for more information about the service or [fill out our Reach Out form](#).