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Elder Bill of Rights and Responsibility

The right... to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

The responsibility to treat fellow residents and employees with courtesy and consideration.

The right... to live in a home-like environment that is clean and safe.

The responsibility to report anything that requires attention/safety hazards etc., to observe “no smoking” regulations, and to participate in fire and disaster drills as the facility requires.

The right... to care that addresses needs as a whole person - physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual and social.

The responsibility to communicate changes in one’s level of wellness and needs, and to consider that some elders may require more assistance more urgently than other elders.

The right... to care philosophy that is built on the principles of:

- a) individual needs and rights
- b) elder autonomy and choices
- c) elder privacy
- d) freedom of expression and association

The right/ responsibility to participate in decisions that involved one’s care, including the choice to refuse care, and the responsibility to sign such waivers as required by the facility to support these choices.

The right... to have palliative care with dignity, including the recognition of one’s cultural, religious and spiritual practices.

The responsibility to communicate one’s individual desires and needs and to respect the cultural, religious and spiritual practices of other elders.

The right... to have family and friends present at any time.

