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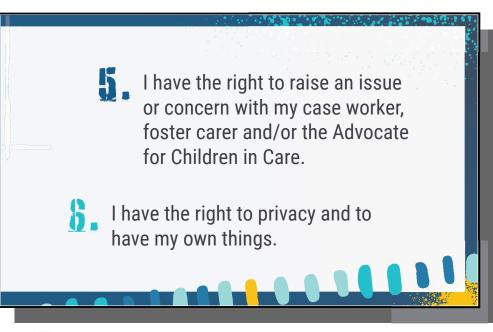
What is The Charter of Rights?

The Charter is a list of things informing how children and young people should be treated when they come into the care of the Department of Communities (the Department) in Western Australia.

All of these rights are important; however, some might be more important to you than others.

- I have the right to assistance that promotes my education, care, health and mental wellbeing.
- I have the right to participate in activities such as hobbies, sport, music, dance and art (and I will do my best to develop my interests).

- I have the right to be kept informed about my care plan, and my views about the plan will be considered.
  - I have the right to be respected (and to treat others the same too).



I have the right to be heard (and listen to other people's views and opinions).

I have the right to get help and support to go to court regarding my care.

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I have the right to proper planning before leaving care.

I have the right to be safe.



## What does it mean to come into care?

It means the Department is responsible for your wellbeing. Your case worker works with you, your family and carer to ensure you are being properly looked after and that your care plan is being followed.

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The Care plan includes things like where you live, the school you go to, the sports and activities you take part in and your other day-to-day needs including contact with your family.

Young people come into the Department's care for different reasons. It is important that you understand why you are in care and how long you will remain in care. Ask your case worker or carer if you are not sure.

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