

Did you know that there is free and confidential legal advice and advocacy available to seniors?

Seniors Rights Service (SRS) provides free, confidential advocacy, advice, education and legal services in New South Wales.

Its aged care advocates assist residents, of accredited aged care homes, recipients of community and home care services, their carers and family members to understand their rights under the Aged Care Act 1997. It helps them to advocate for themselves to resolve issues and complaints with aged care providers.

SRS' legal service provides advice, assistance and education for older people. Issues include: consumer issues (debt management, unfair contracts), human rights (elder abuse including financial and discrimination), Planning Ahead (wills, Power of Attorney, Guardianship), accommodation issues (granny flats) and other issues

Solicitors also provide assistance to the residents of self-care units and serviced apartments in retirement villages about issues arising from the Retirement Villages Act (NSW) 1999.

SRS provides education to aged care facilities and a broad range of service providers and community groups such as Probus, bowling clubs and similar organisations.

For more information contact the Seniors Rights Service on 1800 424 079 or info@seniorsrightsservice.org.au.

SRS' web address is www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au.

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