

About our Representatives

Our trained Representatives have:

- Completed an extensive training and induction program
- A good understanding of the Mental Health Act, 2013
- A strong commitment to ensuring that the rights of people who are mentally ill are respected
- Empathy and understanding towards people with a mental illness
- Obtained a satisfactory National Police Check
- Shown they are confident to speak, and can represent a client's views, before the MHT.



Contact us today

If you would like support from an Advocate, contact us on:

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Email: intake@advocacytasmania.org.au
or

SMS text: 0457 806 963

Advocacy Tasmania Inc. offers a Statewide service and has offices located in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport.

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Your Right to Representation

Mental Health Tribunal Representation Scheme (MHTRS)

Free, Independent, Confidential, Statewide and at your Direction



Working to Protect Your Rights

What is the MHTRS?

The MHTRS provides free representation to people with a mental illness who have been listed to appear before the Mental Health Tribunal (MHT).

Our trained Representative will meet with you prior to the hearing to take your instructions and answer any questions you may have regarding the hearing process.

Our trained Representative will also accompany you to the hearing to support you and speak on your behalf, at your direction, if you wish.



Some of your main rights

If you have been detained or treated against your will or are considered a high risk patient under the new Mental Health Act, then you have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and be advised of your rights
- Be given information about your assessment, diagnosis, treatment and care, and be given copies of all relevant documents
- Be given all information in a way you understand which includes access to a MHTRS volunteer representative, advocate or interpreter
- Have your individual needs taken seriously at all times and met whenever possible
- Only be restrained or secluded as a matter of last resort
- Have contact with your support persons, Official Visitors and representatives in private (including our Advocates and MHTRS Representatives).

How can we help?

Our MHTRS can:

- Give you information about what will happen at your Mental Health Tribunal hearing
- Assist you to represent yourself at the hearing
- Attend the hearing and support you to speak for yourself and/or speak on your behalf.

Our trained representatives are:

- Independent of government services
- On your side
- Will only say what you want said
- Will listen to you and act at your direction only.

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