



# Mental Health Legislation in Ontario

## Mental Health Act

- Defines categories of psychiatric institutions (Sections 1 and 2)
- Covers legal rights of patients and outlines who is to ensure these (Section 14)
- Covers procedures for obtaining consent for treatment by patients deemed unable to consent for themselves (Section 15)
- Physicians can complete various forms to request psychiatric consultation for a patient, with main forms being:
  - Form 1, which is used by a physician to request psychiatric consultation for a patient considered to be a potential harm to him- or herself (e.g., threatening to harm himself or others).
  - Form 2 is used to request a psychiatric assessment for a person who is in imminent danger of self-harm.
  - Form 3 is used to order an involuntary admission to a psychiatric facility.
  - Form 4 renews an involuntary admission to a facility.
- Links to more information about the Act  
<http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mohltc/ppao/default.aspx#top>
- View various [mental health forms online](#) on the Government of Ontario website