

## EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW

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Each patient shall... "Have a right to a **humane psychological... environment** within the hospital facilities..."

§ 51.61(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

[Note: The concept of “equal protection” is a Constitutional-based doctrine (per court decisions) that people in **equal settings** should be **treated equally**. There has to be a **rational basis distinguishing** between otherwise equal groups of people in order **to justify** any **unequal** treatment.]

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### DECISIONS

[None at this time.]

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