

## POSSESSIONS - - LIMITS ON

### THE LAW

Each patient shall..."Be permitted to use ... his or her own ... **personal articles**..."  
§ 51.61(1)(q), Wis. Stats. [Emphasis added.]

"**Inpatients** shall be allowed to provide their own **room decorations** except that a facility **may restrict** this right for documented security or safety reasons. Facilities may adopt policies restricting the areas where patients may display **sexually explicit** or **patently offensive** room decorations and **may prohibit gang-related** room decorations."  
DHS 94.24(2)(j), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

"**Inpatients** may not be prevented from acquiring, at their own expense, **printed material, a television, a radio, recordings or movies**, except for documented security or safety reasons."  
DHS 94.24(3)(c), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

"Each inpatient shall have reasonable access to his or her own **musical instruments and to art and writing supplies**, along with reasonable access to appropriate space and supervision for the use of the instruments and supplies, except for documented security or safety reasons."  
DHS 94.24(3)(d), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

[NOTE: This right may be denied for cause under Sec. 51.61(2) Stats. and DHS 94.05(1)-(3). See "**CRLD**" (Client Rights Limitation or Denial) section of this digest. See also, the digest sections on **Clothing** and **Sexual Material** for case precedents on those specific types of possessions.]

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### DECISIONS

[None at this time.]

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