

## POSSESSIONS – LOST OR DAMAGED

### LAW

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

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### DECISIONS

1. A discharged patient asked the hospital to **return his personal journal**. It **should be returned to him** since **it is his property**, whether or not the hospital considered it part of his treatment record. (Level III decision in Case No. 01-SGE-06 on 10/18/01)

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