**Leave from hospital**

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|  | This easy read information sheet is about **leave** from hospital.  **Leave** means that you can go out of the hospital for a while and come back. |
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|  | <Involuntary version>  You are an **involuntary patient.**  An **involuntary patient** is someone who must stay in hospital for mental health treatment until they are well enough to go home.  This means you can only leave the hospital if your <health care team> says it is OK.  You may be given leave later in your stay in hospital.  Your <health care team> will talk with you about the type of leave that is best for you.  They may also talk to your family and support people. |
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|  | <Voluntary version>  You are a **voluntary** **patient**.  As a **voluntary patient** you can leave the hospital if you want. |
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|  | Your <health care team> need to know you are leaving.  You should talk to your <health care team> about options for leave.  Leave should be arranged before your planned outing from the hospital.  You still need to be back in time for appointments with your <health care team>. |
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|  | <All>  If you go on leave it is important that you come back to hospital on time.  If you will be late you need to call <insert appropriate person> on <insert **phone number in bold**>. |
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|  | There is a list of what some **words** mean in this information sheet [**here**](https://www.3dn.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/3DN_Wordlist_ERv1.pdf)or go to[**www.3dn.unsw.edu.au/projects/easyread**](http://www.3dn.unsw.edu.au/projects/easyread) |

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This information sheet is part of a series of easy read resources explaining

* how people can access public mental health services in New South Wales and
* what they can expect.

For information on how to support people to use easy read see [**Making mental health information accessible for people with intellectual disability****– A Toolkit**](https://www.3dn.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/documents/3DN_AccessibleInformation_Toolkit_ERv1.pdf)

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