

## SENIOR CITIZENS BILL OF RIGHTS

1. Every senior citizen who otherwise qualifies for participation shall have the right to participate as a member of a senior center.
2. Every senior citizen shall have the right to participate in all regularly scheduled activities and take advantage of services provided by the center to the extent that funding and space limitations permit.
3. Every senior center shall have a senior advisory council which will be comprised of senior citizens from the senior center membership. Such advisory council shall advise the senior center's management of the needs of the senior citizens.
4. Every senior citizen attending a senior center's regularly scheduled meal period shall be offered a balanced and nutritious meal to the extent that funding and space limitations permit. Those senior citizens that do not receive a balanced and nutritious meal shall be offered nourishment during a senior center's regularly scheduled meal period to the extent that funding permits.
5. Every senior citizen attending a senior center shall have the opportunity to make a financial contribution which shall be voluntary and anonymous and shall be used by the senior center to enhance and increase services to senior citizens.
6. Every senior citizen shall be treated courteously, fairly and respectfully at a senior center.
7. Every senior citizen shall have the right not to be discriminated against based upon his or her actual or perceived race, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, alienage or citizenship status, in violation of the human rights law of the City of New York.
8. Every senior citizen shall have the right to be informed of those senior centers that are handicapped accessible.
9. Every senior citizen shall have the right to present grievances on behalf of himself or herself to the senior center's staff, board of directors or executive committees, or elected or other government officials, without fear or reprisal from officers or employees of the senior center.
10. Every senior citizen served by a senior center shall have the right to have personal information treated confidentially and protected from disclosure. Information may be shared with the program's funding source.

**The Telephone Number  
for the Department for the Aging is:  
212-442-1000**