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My elderly mother is a resident in a seniors/retirement facility. What are her rights?

The level of regulation depends on the type of facility your mother resides in.

- Retirement Homes: These are governed by the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (RHA).
 These facilities must be licenced. The RHA sets out requirements for a resident's Bill of Rights, a Plan of Care, training of staff, and protection against abuse or neglect as well as maintenance, food, risk of falls, feeding, bathing, etc.
- 2. Long-Term Care Homes: These are governed by the Long-Term Care Homes Act. These facilities are highly regulated. Care Plans and Assessments are to be completed within specific time frames. Regulations are in place, which specifically set out requirements ensuring that the home is safe and secure. Each home must prepare a Mission Statement consistent with the principles of the Act and its regulations. There must be programs for skin care and wound management, continence and bowel care. Upon admission, the resident must be provided with a Resident's Bill of Rights. The legislation also requires a written policy for the prevention of abuse or neglect. Failure of the facility to provide an environment that meets the resident's physical, psychological, spiritual and cultural needs can be considered a breach of contract upon which the resident can sue for damages.

Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance.

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NEWS

Police release photos of man wanted for attempted thefts at Georgetown dealership

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Halton police are asking for the public's help in identifying a man suspected of attempted thefts from vehicles at a Toyota dealership in Georgetown earlier this month.

Police said at approximately 12:10 a.m. on Aug. 13, the unknown male suspect attended the parking lot at the Toyota dealership located at 312 Guelph St. and attempted to enter several vehicles.

In a release, police originally said the suspect was unsuccessful in his attempts to enter any vehicles, but a later released has confirmed the suspect was able to enter at least one vehicle at the location. However, after rummaging through the vehicle, investigators said they do not be-



Itan Police photo

Halton police are asking the public's help in identifying a suspect wanted for attempted thefts from a number of vehicles at a Georgetown car dealership.

lieve he found and took anything.

The suspect is wanted for theft under \$5,000 and is described as a white male with a slim build, dark hair and a small beard. He was wearing a blue short-sleeved shirt, blue jeans and grey shoes at the time of the incident.

Anyone able to identify the suspect is asked to contact: Det. Const. Randy Sorrell at 905-825-4747 ext. 2113 or Randy.Sorrell@haltonpolice.ca

Tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers "See something, Hear something, Say something" at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at haltoncrimestoppers.ca, or by texting "Tip201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).

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