

# Dual Diagnosis Complexity-Capable Victorian Mental Health Act

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Part 2—Objectives and Mental Health Principles

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## 11 The mental health principles

- (1) The following are the mental health principles—
- (a) persons receiving mental health services should be provided assessment and treatment in the least restrictive way possible with voluntary assessment and treatment preferred;
  - (b) persons receiving mental health services should be provided those services with the aim of bringing about the best possible therapeutic outcomes and promoting recovery and full participation in community life;
  - (c) persons receiving mental health services should be involved in all decisions about their assessment, treatment and recovery and be supported to make, or participate in, those decisions, and their views and preferences should be respected;
  - (d) persons receiving mental health services should be allowed to make decisions about their assessment, treatment and recovery that involve a degree of risk;
  - (e) persons receiving mental health services should have their rights, dignity and autonomy respected and promoted;
  - (f) persons receiving mental health services should have their medical and other health needs, including any alcohol and other drug problems, recognised and responded to;
  - (g) persons receiving mental health services should have their individual needs (whether as to culture, language, communication, age, disability, religion, gender, sexuality or other matters) recognised and responded to;

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