

If you are in a position where the hospital is neglectful such as not allowing for loved ones to visit or withholding adequate nutrition, contacting the local police can prove effective.

The healthcare proxy and/or other loved one can contact the local police department and request a "*health and safety welfare check*" under the circumstances that the patient is being denied access to loved ones and there have been reports of neglect.

By law, the hospital can be held to kidnapping, false imprisonment or medical battery dependent on the circumstances and the cooperation of law enforcement.

The hospital will likely fight the request but if your persistent many will succumb and they will be held to ensuring that the concerned patient and loved ones are reunited and/or reassured.

Refer to the Patient's Rights as posted by the hospital as well holding them accountable to "respectful, effective and non-discriminatory care."