

## General rules for evacuation addressing religious and cultural rights

According to Art. 29 people in need of evacuation are registered in evacuation centres, where they can receive psychological assistance, counselling, distribution of essential products and distribution of places for accommodation. Upon distribution of places for accommodation the following rules are observed: families are not separated, and the demands of certain groups with special needs and with different cultural, ethnic or religious identities are taken into account. Indirectly the Health Act addresses religious and cultural groups' rights in case of disaster. Art. 86 stipulates that as a patient everyone is entitled to respect for his/her civil, political, economic, social, cultural and religious rights. In case of hospitalisation the patient has a right to education and access to activities appropriate to his/her social, religious and cultural needs.

Note: See source document for full reference.

## Applicable to:

Stakeholders: Ethnicity, Languages

Disaster Phases: Recovery

Types of Actors Concerned: Healthcare and emergency services, NGOs, Local authorities, National civil protection body, Red

Cross

Hazards: Natural hazards, Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations, Man-made intentional hazards

## Source

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