

## What is a deprivation of liberty?

The law says that everyone has the right to live their lives freely in the way that they choose to



**Deprivation of liberty (DoL)** means that someone stops you doing what you want to do



We have this law

- to keep people safe



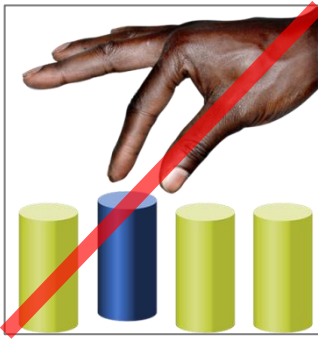
- to do this legally



- to do this in the person's **best interests** – what is best for that person



- to make sure that it does not go on for any longer than needed



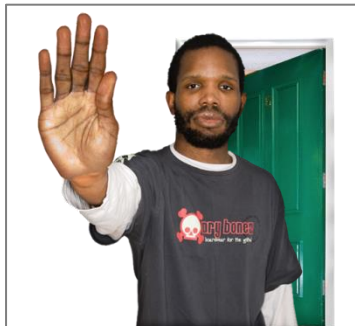
You will know if someone **might** be taking away your freedom if



- you are being given a lot of support from staff



- you are told where to live



- you want to go out and are stopped from doing this



- family or friends are not allowed to take you out



- you cannot see your friends and family when you want

Sometimes it can be more complicated than this



When is it okay for you to be **deprived of your liberty**?



- When there is no other way to look after you safely



- When it is in your **best interests**

If something is in your best interests, this means it is the best decision for you based on your



- ✓ health



- ✓ happiness



- ✓ safety



- ✓ independence



Camden Council must know about any **DoL**



They must arrange for the assessments to be done