

Absent Without Leave (AWOL)



What does this mean?

Your Guardian
(Approved Mental Health Professional) can
decide some things for you.

One thing they can decide is where you need to
live so you can receive the right support.

But under Guardianship you are still free to
come and go from the place you live

Guardianship has other rules, which can require
you to go for treatment, work, training or
education at agreed times and places.



Your care plan will say:




- what support you need
- how best to keep you safe
- how to protect other people.

It will also say when you take a short break
from the place where you live. This is called
leave of absence.



Your care plan will tell you when and how you
can have these breaks

It might be to see your friends or family

	<p>It might be to go somewhere in the community that your Guardian has decided</p> <p>If you stay out longer than what is agreed in your care plan this is called absent without leave or AWOL</p>
	<p>What will happen when I go AWOL?</p> <p>The staff in the place where you live will contact your Guardian.</p> <p>If your Guardian knows where you are they may decide to bring you back</p>
	<p>What will happen when I am back?</p> <p>Your Guardian will talk with you about why you stayed out longer</p> <p>It may be that your care plan needs changing.</p> <p>If it does you can have an advocate to help you with this</p>
	<p>If you have any questions please ask your Guardian</p>