

12.1 Overview

Immediate collateral consequences result from an order for involuntary commitment. In addition to the restrictions on personal liberty inherent in the involuntary commitment process, other restrictions on personal rights and freedoms may be experienced during the term of commitment or admission. Some of the most serious and long-lasting consequences may only affect the respondent many months after release or discharge from the facility. This chapter will explore some of the more serious consequences of commitment or admission both during the inpatient stay and after discharge or release.