



Family Law

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First, talk to your brother about why he is so opposed to moving your mother to another home; Does he believe that she is being safely cared for, or does his resistance lie in his concerns that your mother does not have the money available to relocate to a better [read-probably more expensive] -home? Sometimes a polite email summarizing your concerns is better received than a phone call.

Your 2nd step should be to initiate a meeting with the home administration [preferably with your brother present], and discuss your concerns. Management may be willing to make changes. In the alternative, your brother may come around to your point of view.

Further actions, if you feel that you are getting nowhere with the home and with your brother, would include retaining a wills and estates lawyer with the purpose of challenging your brother's power of attorney. A separate step would include notifying the relevant authorities with respect to your mother's alleged mistreatment. The government of Ontario has a long-term-care home complaint process at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/long-term-care-home-complaint-process>; This includes an urgent toll free number, 1-866-434-0144.

Your friends at Shank Law.



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My mother has Alzheimer's, and is in a home. I think she is being mistreated. I have power of attorney for her personal care, and my brother has power of attorney for property. I have tried to talk to my brother about moving my mother, but he will not listen. What can I do?



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