



DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Olympia, Washington

TITLE: SUPERVISION STATUS FOR RHC CLIENTS POLICY 14.02
ON OUTINGS

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BACKGROUND

Persons who live in a Residential Habilitation Center (RHC) may require close supervision when placed in unfamiliar situations, including trips/outings away from their residence.

PURPOSE

This policy provides supervision guidelines for RHC staff and volunteers to assure consistent and safe supervision of people living at the RHCs.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all RHCs.

POLICY

- A. The interdisciplinary team (IDT) will determine the level of supervision needed for each person. The IDT's determination must address the person's need for supervision on outings. Safety considerations for levels of supervision must include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Unstable medical conditions;
 2. Effect of medications;
 3. Mobility;
 4. Runaway behavior or a tendency to wander away inadvertently from the facility or a group of persons;
 5. Inappropriate and/or dangerous sexual behavior;

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6. History of assault, self-injurious behavior, and/or property damage;
 7. Deficits in orientation, pathfinding, and pedestrian skills;
 8. Communication skills (e.g., verbal, sign language);
 9. Drug and/or alcohol-seeking behavior;
 10. Intolerance towards strangers;
 11. Tolerance level to a high stimulus environment; and
 12. Tolerance level or capacity for physical activity.
- B. Level of supervision during community outings or activities must be equal to or greater than the supervision provided at the individual's residence. If a person has any of the behaviors or issues listed above, the staff and/or volunteer must ensure appropriate supervisory measures are taken, such as:
1. Have a staff person assigned one-to-one with the person;
 2. Limit the number of people on an outing;
 3. Arrange to have any appropriate medical equipment, medication, and/or a nurse available during outings;
 4. If telephone access is limited, carry a cellular phone; and
 5. Have a clear, detailed emergency plan.

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