

Secured means the weapon is stored and locked in a gun safe, lock box, or other locked storage location.

POLICY

- A. The Division respects the rights of clients receiving DDD funded residential services to own and possess items of their choosing so long as those items do not create an unsafe, unhealthy, hostile or intimidating environment or otherwise impact the rights and safety of other clients.
- B. Residential service providers shall not facilitate a client's purchase or acquisition of weapons.
- C. Residential service providers shall not bring any weapons into a client's home or otherwise, use, show, or display weapons in the presence of a client.

PROCEDURES

- A. Service providers who become aware that a client who is receiving community residential services is in possession of a weapon (see Definitions section) or planning to obtain one must report the existence of the weapon and any extenuating circumstances to the Residential Resource Manager. The report should include details regarding how the weapon is secured in the residence to avoid accidental use by other residents or people other than the owner of the weapon.
- B. Upon receiving notice from the service provider, the Regional Resource Manager and the Regional Administrator must consult with the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) for the purpose of balancing safety and the rights of the client's housemates and safety of support staff.

EXCEPTIONS

No exceptions to the requirements of this may be allowed without the prior written approval of the Division Director.

SUPERSESSON

None

Approved: /s/ Linda Rolfe
Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities

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