

PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY

POLICY: HOME MEMBERS CARE, SOCIAL ACCESS AND VISITORS

Applies to: Homes Personnel, Persons Served, Families, Advocates and Caregivers

PREAMBLE

Pathways Abilities Society recognizes and acknowledges licensing requirements and in so doing, recognizes the Person In Charge (supervisor) and their designates as the primary caregivers who are responsible for the health, safety and well being of each individual living in a licensed care facility.

POLICY

Pathways Abilities Society ensures the health, safety and wellbeing of the home members by teaching and assisting them to make informed choices in their home and community to promote opportunities for positive, safe interactions.

Home members have the right to have visitors and guests providing they do not compromise the health, safety and wellbeing of the other home members.

With their permission or on their behalf, staff will facilitate and encourage communications between home members, their friends and family when arranging social outings while at all times honouring the wishes of the home members.

Parents, siblings and close friends do not require a criminal records check prior to accessing the community with the home members. Anyone unfamiliar to the individual, their family or advocate, must have a criminal record check completed unless Pathways Abilities Society staff are present during the outing.

In compliance with Residential Care Regulations, if staff has reason to believe a home member's safety is at risk by leaving the facility with a family member or friend the person will not be permitted to leave. Staff will notify the supervisor. The supervisor will schedule a meeting with the family member and/or other family members and a funding body representative to implement the Pathways' Conflict Resolution policy and procedure. Upon admission to a home, family members will receive a copy of the policy.

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