

PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY

POLICY: SENTINEL EVENTS

Applies to: All Personnel, Volunteers and Persons Served

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Board Member's Signature

PREAMBLE

A sentinel event is an unexpected occurrence involving death or serious physical or psychological injury, or the risk thereof. Serious injury specifically includes loss of limb or function.

The phrase, "or the risk thereof" includes any process variation for which a reoccurrence would carry a significant chance of a serious adverse outcome. A sentinel event requires immediate investigation and response. Examples of sentinel events are death either by suicide or homicide, abduction, assault or other crime resulting in death or major permanent loss of function.

POLICY

In the event of a sentinel event, Pathways Abilities Society will develop strategies and set a plan in place to reduce the risk of similar events occurring in the future. Pathways Abilities Society will address responsibility for implementation, oversight and timelines for measuring the effectiveness of these actions.

Pathways Abilities Society will apply all relevant existing policies and procedures.