

## ADVOCATE ASSISTED LIVING INC

### RESIDENT ELOPEMENT POLICY SUMMARY

Resident Elopement is defined as when a dependent resident in a licensed facility leaves that facility without staff observation or knowledge of their departure.

- All residents will be evaluated by the ALF Administrator or Designee upon admission to identify if they are at risk for elopement, such as wandering.
- Appropriate interventions for residents who have been identified as being high risk.
  - a. Keeping behaviors logs
  - b. Maintaining supervision and periodic checks
  - c. Securing exit doors with alarms or electronic locks
  - d. Training staff on appropriate response to an alarm and to account for residents immediately.
- Handling an Elopement.
  - a. Staff members should try to redirect the resident from the door.
  - b. Upon notification that a resident is missing, the Administrator should organize a thorough search of the facility and premises.
  - c. Should the search prove unsuccessful, the Administrator or designee should immediately notify the police department, the responsible party for the resident an attending physician and any regulatory agency.
  - d. Cooperate fully with the authorities, who will assume command of the search. Be able to provide them with a full description/photo of the resident.
  - e. Upon returning of the resident, staff and/or Administrator will complete a full assessment to determine injuries and treat accordingly.
  - f. An incident report should be completed.
  - g. Administrator will complete an investigation of the elopement
  - h. A resident elopement drill will be conducted twice a year.
- Staff training and in-service on resident elopement will be provided upon orientation and annually. Staff compliance will be assessed and participate on all resident elopement drill twice a year.