



POLICY - FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS IN A CLIENT'S HOME

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- Applies to:
- Employees
 - Volunteers
- Applicable Standards:
- DHHS Quality and Safety Standards
 - Department of Health Charter of Care Recipients' Rights and Responsibilities – Home Care - 2017
 - Policy - Risk Management – FBCNW-10-46
 - Home Care Common Standards – AACQA
- Applicable Legislation:
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012
 - Firearms Act 1996 (Tas)
 - Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (Tas)
- Contractual Obligations:
- Consumer Related Serious Incident Reporting Policy for Tasmania's DHHS Funded Community Sector

Family Based Care is committed to ensuring the safety of all employees and clients.

During the Environmental Risk Assessment of a client's home the question is asked as to whether there are firearms or other dangerous weapons kept on the premises.


Definition: A 'Dangerous Weapon' is any gun, knife, sword, crossbow, slingshot, or other weapon which can cause bodily harm to people (even though used for target shooting)." [Free Legal Dictionary]

If weapons are disclosed the Employee is to proceed as follows:

1. Ascertain that the firearms and / or weapons are kept in a secured location in accordance with the appropriate Act. If this is not the case the Operations Manager is to be notified and they will determine whether further action should be taken.
2. Confirm that the owner of the firearms has a current Firearms Licence and make note of the licence number and expiry date.
3. Should the client / carer / family member refuse to provide evidence of the above the Association will refuse to provide support until the above conditions are met.

Support Staff must report to Management if they become aware of unlocked, unsecured firearms, ammunition, or other weapons in a client's home.

Authorised by:



President of the Board

Date:

