

PROCEDURE NO. 5-6-2

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SUBJECT: Seizure disorders and water dangers

PURPOSE: To provide as much privacy and freedom as possible to individuals supported while maintaining the highest degree of safety and to carry out the mandate of Rights, Safety & Health Policy No. 5.

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Individuals with a seizure disorder or a history of seizures may not take a tub bath without staff physically present in the room at all times. The curtain can be pulled enough that the individual supported has some feeling of privacy, as long as staff can still see their head. These individuals supported may shower with the drain open with no supervision.

Individuals who have a seizure disorder or history of seizures must wear a life jacket when swimming or when near water (e.g. boating, fishing).

Staff may take individuals swimming only to locations where there is a certified lifeguard on duty. The only exception to this rule is for individuals supported who reside in apartment complexes with pools, who are their own guardians or have received guardian permission, and who have such permissions outlined in their ISP.

Approved by: _____
Director, Health Services and Quality Assurance

Date: _____