POLICY: Any SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter participant presenting with a safety concern to themselves or others will be discharged via emergency services.

PURPOSE: To insure the individual’s resident’s and staff member’s safety.

RESPONSIBILITY: RN, Physician, Physician Assistant, Social Worker

PROCEDURE:

1. If the individual presents with any of the following behaviors:
   a) threatening to self or others;
   b) states he/she will hurt self or others
   c) Drugs or alcohol are found
   d) exhibiting psychotic behaviors
911 will be called and the individual removed from the facility.

2. If there is an immediate threat to residents or staff, staff will:
   a) Call 911
   b) Remove other residents from the immediate area
   c) Wait for emergency personnel
   d) Call a Code Green

3. If it is not an immediate threat, then staff will:
   a) Provide 1:1 supervision
   b) Notify psychiatry for a consult
   c) Notify the family if applicable
   d) Arrange for transfer to another facility if appropriate.

4. Upon discharge, social work will document the incident and the date of discharge.
5. The SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter team will meet with staff to discuss the situation and outcome and identify any changes that may need to occur in the admitting process.

EXCEPTIONS:

REFERENCES: