SAFE: STOP ABUSE OF ELDERS SHELTER
LEAVING AGAINST PROFESSIONAL ADVICE PROCEDURE

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**POLICY:** The individual has the right to self-determination and to choose when they want to leave the facility.

**PURPOSE:** To insure the victim’s right to self-determination and to provide the necessary information and possible outcomes of their decision.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter team, facility Social Worker

**FORMS:**
Leaving Against Advice – Release from Liability

**PROCEDURE:**

1. If the individual informs any member of the clinical team of their desire to leave, staff will contact the designated facility social worker.
2. The social worker will contact other members of the SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter team to establish time to meet with the individual.
3. The SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter team will meet with the individual and advise them of the following:
   a) Plan for safety and support
   b) Safety choices
   c) Financial planning options if applicable
   d) Legal services
   e) Potential housing options
4. The team will ensure the individual understands the plan and signs the “Leave Against Professional Advice Release Form” indicating that he/she is returning home despite the recommendations of the team.
5. Form is placed in the chart.
6. Date of discharge documented along with the reason.

**APPLIES TO:**
Identified SAFE: Stop Abuse of Elders Shelter team members
Clinical Staff Members