



## **Dementia Care Policy and Procedures**

**Title: Safekeeping of Resident's Personal Property and Possessions**

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**Background:** MN Statute 144G.82 subd. 3 (10).

### **Purpose**

To ensure that all residents and their representatives are informed of the reality that due to the disease process of dementia, the safety of items brought into the building cannot be guaranteed.

### **Policy**

The disease process of dementia increases the likelihood that a resident's personal belongings may be misplaced or discarded, clothing may be worn by another resident and/or damage to items may occur. Individuals with dementia have a tendency to hide things, throw items away, misplace items and forget the proper use and care of personal appliances such as dentures, hearing aids and glasses.

Progressive Care locations cannot be responsible for items in the possession of residents; however, we will take every precaution to ensure the safety of a resident's belongings. We ask that residents and/or their representatives refrain from bringing items of great value into the

community and encourage them to obtain personal property insurance to provide replacement coverage for necessary personal items.

This policy does not waive a resident's right to seek remedy in the event community staff is found to be negligent in the safekeeping of a resident's possessions.

### **Procedure**

1. Give a copy of the Dementia Care Handbook to the resident and or representative at time of move in or during the contract signing.