

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

PREAMBLE

1. Drunkenness, assaultive and abusive behaviours infringe the rights of other residents and staff.
2. When necessary, action will be taken by care facility staff to ensure the safety of other residents and themselves, and the supervisor is authorized to take all reasonable precautions to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

POLICY

3. Residents may choose to consume alcoholic beverages and such beverages supplied by residents for their own use will be stored appropriately by care facility staff.
4. Supervisors are to monitor alcohol consumption by a resident only when adverse effects such as drunkenness and/or assaultive / abusive behaviour have been previously reported.
5. Where adverse effects have been reported and/or observed, the resident's medical practitioner is to be consulted regarding continued use of alcohol by the resident, and an appropriate management plan is to be documented and implemented.
6. If residents who demonstrate adverse effect of alcohol consumption persist in these behaviours they will be counselled regarding their responsibilities and they may be asked to seek alternative accommodation.
7. Karinya maintains a "happy Hour" program on its activity calendar daily at 4.15pm. Resources and staff are provided by the facility to facilitate and manage this afternoon program.

Cross reference to other policies:

- * *Freedom of choice.*
- * *Resident safety policy.*
- * *Duty of care.*
- * *Complaints resolution.*

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