

**245G.16 BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.**

(a) A license holder or applicant must have written behavioral emergency procedures that staff must follow when responding to a client who exhibits behavior that is threatening to the safety of the client or others. Programs must incorporate person-centered planning and trauma-informed care in the program's behavioral emergency procedure policies. The procedures must include:

- (1) a plan designed to prevent a client from hurting themselves or others;
- (2) contact information for emergency resources that staff must consult when a client's behavior cannot be controlled by the behavioral emergency procedures;
- (3) types of procedures that may be used;
- (4) circumstances under which behavioral emergency procedures may be used; and
- (5) staff members authorized to implement behavioral emergency procedures.

(b) Behavioral emergency procedures must not be used to enforce facility rules or for the convenience of staff. Behavioral emergency procedures must not be part of any client's treatment plan, or used at any time for any reason except in response to specific current behavior that threatens the safety of the client or others. Behavioral emergency procedures may not include the use of seclusion or restraint.

**History:** *1Sp2017 c 6 art 8 s 29*