The Division of Developmental Disabilities presents the second annual:

SAFETY IN YOUR SETTING MONTH NOVEMBER 2025

A month to focus on supervision, independence, and how to keep IDD individuals safe

■ Why have Safety In Your Setting Month?

Individuals with IDD can be at risk if proper supervision is not provided. Due to this, specific training sessions have been selected that relate to individuals who exhibit walkaway behavior. The Division's hope is to educate stakeholders, highlight prevention strategies, and empower providers and Support Coordination Agency (SCA) staff to keep IDD individuals safe, while still allowing them to experience the independence they deserve both in their homes, and in the community.

■ Round Table Discussion (invite only)

Select residential and behavior support providers, as well as SCAs will be invited to join a collaborative group discussion with DDD and DHS staff. The goal is for agencies to share best practices relating to walkaway events, and have a constructive dialogue regarding supervision, safety, and documentation.

■ Virtual Trainings

Virtual workshops will be held throughout November. The Division welcomes all stakeholders to attend, including: providers, SCAs, Self Directed Employees, family members, and advocates.

Trainings will include:

- Walkaway Behavior Prevention
- Walkaway Incident Reports and the Walkaway Checklist
- Walkway Safety and Documentation*
- Overview of the Human Rights Committee (HRC)
- Overview of Crisis Assessment Response & Enhanced Services (CARES) and S-COPE
- Supports for Persons with Criminal Justice Involvement
- Seasonal Health Concerns: Cold Weather

^{*}This training is specifically for SCA Staff



Please see our website for a complete list of Safety In Your Setting Month events and registration links: www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/individuals/healthsafety/

Contact ddd.resourceteam@dhs.nj.gov if you have additional questions.



