

PETS IN THE HOME

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the scenario out loud and use the guiding questions to facilitate a discussion about pets in client homes.

AFTER THIS HUDDLE

Staff should be able to:

- Deal with pets according to their organization's policies.
- React appropriately when a pet poses a risk.

NOTES TO THE HUDDLE LEADER

- Encourage staff to communicate with the homeowner about their pet, the pet protocols that are laid out in the care plan, and how they can make sure the pet does not become a safety risk.
- Ensure that staff are aware that they have the right to refuse to deliver care when they feel unsafe.

SCENARIO

You read Mr. P's care plan and note that he has a large dog. You are not comfortable working around animals. You arrive at his home for the first time and do not see or hear the dog. You ring the doorbell and immediately hear barking inside getting closer and louder.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What should you do if you find yourself in this situation?
- What is our organization's policy on pets?
- When is it appropriate to exercise your right to refuse unsafe work?