

INTOXICATION IN THE HOME

INSTRUCTIONS

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

AFTER THIS HUDDLE

Staff should be able to:

- Recognize when someone is intoxicated.
- Exercise their right to refuse unsafe work when necessary.
- Report and objectively document intoxication.

NOTES TO THE HUDDLE LEADER

- Staff should recognize intoxication of clients and/or their family members as a safety risk and know that they have the right to refuse unsafe working conditions. If posed with a situation like this, care workers should make sure the person in care is safe, leave the building, report to their supervisor and document the situation as objectively as possible.

SCENARIO

You are in a client's home and you hear a family member shuffling around in the kitchen being loud and obnoxious; slamming cabinet doors and dishware. They come into the room where you are providing care to your client and you can smell alcohol on them from a distance. They are pacing about the room; muttering, slurring and appear to be unsteady on their feet. They are getting in your way and begin yelling at you to do your tasks differently than you would normally do them.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What is intoxication and how can you identify it?
- What risks does intoxication pose to your safety?
- How would you respond in this scenario?