

BEHAVIOR DEFINITIONS

- 1. Tantrums or Emotional Outbursts:** Has a combination of 2 or more of the following behaviors exhibited simultaneously: screaming, crying, swearing, banging on items (walls, doors, windows, furniture), throwing items, throwing self on the floor, slamming doors, stomping feet.
- 2. Damages Property:** **Deliberately** breaking, defacing, destroying things by: hitting, tearing, cutting, throwing AND breaking, burning, marking, or scratching. Items must either need replaced, thrown away or in disrepair and not used any more.
- 3. Physically Assaults Others:** **Deliberately causing physical pain** to other People or to Animals by hitting, kicking, biting, pinching, scratching, pulling hair, striking with an object, squeezing and/or twisting – using force to injure or hurt.
- 4. Disrupts Other's Activities:** Interfering significantly with activities of others by clinging, pestering or teasing, arguing or complaining, picking fights, laughing or crying without reason, interrupting, yelling or screaming. Behavior is marked when occurring in a way considered beyond socially acceptable.
- 5. Verbally or Gesturally Abusive:** Swearing, verbal threats, name-calling, obscene gestures, gestures that indicate aggressive intent or threat. Must be **intentional / deliberate and the individual must intend to abuse others with this behavior.**
- 6. Self - Injurious:** **Causing injury to own body by:** hitting self, banging head, scratching, cutting or puncturing, biting rubbing skin causing soreness/redness/irritation that needs attention, pulling **out** hair, picking on skin or removing scabs, chewing nails and causing them to bleed, damaging cuticles or nail bed, or pinching self. (NOTE: NOT captured here: Alcoholism, Anorexia, Bulimia, eating candy when Diabetic or standard piercings of the ears, nose, lips, eyebrows, belly button, etc.)
- 7. Teases or Harasses Peers:** Any behavior performed **deliberately** to annoy another person. Attention seeking, pestering, pushing buttons to get reactions from another.
- 8. Resists Supervision:** Non-compliant behavior, refusing to follow instructions. (Examples: Says "No", or decides not to complete the task, or must be asked multiple times before the task is completed).
- 9. Runs or Wanders Away:** Repeatedly, **deliberately or inadvertently** leaves home, day service or community activities supported by staff and or family and requires extra support to **ensure the person's health and safety.** High Frequencies may require a Behavior Support Plan to address these issues.
- 10. Steals:** **Deliberately or intentionally** takes the belongings, including food, from another.
- 11. Eats Inedible Objects:** Putting an object that is unfit to be eaten, into their mouth and **swallowing / ingesting** the item. (Examples: Raw Meat, Rotten Food, Dirty Food from Floor or Trash, Paper, Pencil Erasers, Play-Doh, Glue, etc.).
- 12. Displays Sexually Inappropriate Behavior:** **Not required to determine the intent of the person. Capture here if the behavior is exhibited.** Examples: Unwelcomed or uninvited hugs and/or kisses, public masturbation, public undressing, using restroom with door open, inappropriate touching of self or others, making sexual remarks or gestures, forcing sexual attentions on others or voyeurism. (NOTE: Voyeurism is one who is sexually aroused by watching an unsuspecting person who is naked, in the process of disrobing, or is engaged in sexual activity).
- 13. Smears Feces:** **Deliberately** handling, throwing or spreading bowel movement / fecal matter. (This question does NOT address bodily fluids, other than fecal matter).

RUNS / WANDERS AWAY- CLARIFICATION STATEMENT

To answer “YES” if the safety for the individual is apparent and imminent-

- Does it require staff support to “ensure the individual’s safety and health” – this MUST be person specific.
- Leaving a fenced yard or established boundaries.
- Darting through traffic / parking lots without provider AND MUST be cognitively unable to understand safety issues.
- Out of line of sight in a public area and staff are unable to reach them to ensure their safety.
- Could this be captured in #8 as a resistive behavior as it does not meet the above criteria. Example: the individual is allowed to leave staff in the community / stores / takes walks independently – does not inform staff of their whereabouts BUT is NOT a health or safety risk.
- Is this a high rate, is this covered in a support plan? Is this a Quality Assurance issue? If covered in plan inform assessor of where in plan to find support needs of individual.