

3.1 OUR COMMITMENT

One of our most important responsibilities is to ensure the health and safety of those using our services. We take this responsibility very seriously. This responsibility includes maintaining health through regular medical appointments and treatments, the availability of a healthy diet, and so on. It also includes being aware of physical dangers in the environment, as well as situations or circumstances that could pose significant risks to the individual. Finally, it includes having protocols and procedures prepared in the case of emergencies (such as earthquake, fire, medical accident or trauma, etc.).

We also recognize that all persons have the right to take risks. It is impossible to protect someone from all forms of harm, and even where it is possible, it would not be desirable. We grow and learn by taking risks, by making mistakes, and by sometimes becoming hurt as a result. The people we serve have the right to grow and learn. However, we cannot support risks that we believe will likely result in serious harm. Further, in matters of noteworthy risk, we will seek to ensure that individuals fully understand the nature of the risk, and that supported decision-making systems have been approached and involved (family, friends, advocates, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living BC, etc.).