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PURPOSE: To clarify the procedure to be followed when an individual in a 24 hour residential support situation is found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Responsibilities:

When someone we support is found to be intoxicated and/or is known to have consumed a considerable amount of alcohol:

Staff:

1. Keep the person in view or close to you. If they insist on laying down ensure they are in the recovery position.
2. Call a Manager or On-Call to assist with an assessment and to receive further instructions.
3. **If at any time you feel they need immediate medical attention call 911 and then call a Manager or On-Call.**

Manager

1. Assist the staff in assessing for alcohol poisoning by looking for:
 - a. Is the person :
 - i. unconscious and cannot be awakened.
 - ii. cold, clammy, unusually pale or bluish skin.
 - iii. breathing slowly or irregularly:
 1. less than eight times a minute
 2. or ten seconds or more between any two breaths.
 - iv. vomiting, while passed out and does not wake up during or after?

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2. If yes to any of the above questions call 911 immediately.
 - a. Ensure the staff have the person in the recovery position.
 - b. Advise the staff to watch their breathing and ensure they do not choke on their own vomit.
 - c. Staff are to remain with the person until medical assistance arrives.
 - d. Staff may need to accompany the person to the hospital.

3. If you do not suspect alcohol poisoning:
 - a. Have staff monitor the person by:
 - i. Visually checking every 15 minutes. The staff should note on a incident report time checked, breathing, skin colour and skin temperature, responsiveness to questions.
 - ii. Staff should remain in view of the person at all times.
 - iii. Overnight staff shall be instructed to stay awake through out their shift.
 - iv. Once the person is no longer sleeping and no longer showing signs of intoxication staff shall advise a Manager or On-Call. At that time the Manager may instruct the staff to cease monitoring.

4. Send backup to the location if needed.