

PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS DURING ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

POLICY:

- It is the policy of ABC to protect residents from harm during investigations of abuse allegations. During abuse investigations, residents will be protected from harm by the following measures:

PROCEDURE:

1. Employees accused of participating in the alleged abuse will be immediately reassigned to duties that do not involve resident contact or will be suspended without pay until the findings of the investigation have been reviewed by the Executive Director.
2. Should the employee(s) be reassigned to non-resident care duties, such assignment will not be on the wing of the building in which the resident lives.
3. If the alleged abuse involves resident's family member or visitor, such person(s) will not be permitted to have unsupervised visits with the resident.
4. If the alleged abuse involves another resident, the accused resident's representative and attending physician will be informed of the alleged abuse incident and that the accused resident will not be permitted to make visits to other resident rooms unattended. If necessary, the accused resident's family members may be required to provide assistance in meeting this requirement.
5. Per the policy entitled **Abuse Investigation**, the federal requirements of reporting will be adhered to.