



ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

POLICY

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## Release of Responsibility - Client Possessions

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### Purpose

To ensure a global process is established outlining the client's responsibility of personal possessions and belongings during their stay at St. Joseph's Care Group.

This policy excludes Seniors Supportive Housing and Long Term Care.

### Policy Statement

St. Joseph's Care Group is not responsible for any client possessions/belongings, which may be lost, damaged or stolen during their stay.

All staff will provide reasonable care for client's personal items and belongings that are classified as items that support activities of daily living and well-being during their stay.

On admission to a program area and at any time during their stay, clients will be strongly encouraged to send home all belongings and valuables that are not required with the families or designate.

### Definitions

**Items that support a client's activities of daily living and well-being** may include items that support a client's physical, spiritual and emotional well-being during their hospital stay. For example: dentures, hearing aids, glasses, mobility aids, prosthetics, CPAP/BIPAP, communication devices, sacred items, etc.

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