

CENTRAL CARE POLICY CONSUMER WALK AWAYS

SUBJECT:	<u>CONSUMER WALK AWAYS</u>
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Central Care utilizes relational MANDT techniques only. When those techniques are unsuccessful, the following procedure is implemented.

- 1. In the event that a consumer has walked away or left the house unescorted, staff will follow the consumer and keep him/her in sight.**
- 2. Staff will attempt to de-escalate the consumer by using relational MANDT techniques. Consumer will be encouraged to return home and/or provided with assistance in reaching desired destination.**
- 3. Staff will make every effort to maintain consumer's safety.**
- 4. Service Director and Team Leader/designee and will be notified of the situation when staff feels that the consumer's safety is in question and police department will be notified and asked to assist.**
- 5. Staff will provide police with any necessary information and assist as needed.**
- 6. If consumer leaves staff's sight, refer to Consumer Missing policy.**
- 7. Staff will complete appropriate documentation and forward to responsible personnel.**

Reference: Central State Hospital Policy and Procedures 4.026 Leave Without Consent and Middle Georgia Policy and Procedures 5.06 Incident Reporting.

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