

# BACI Life Sharing Provider - Substance Use and/or Abuse

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BACI's Life Sharing promotes and supports healthy living. It is important that common courtesy is a practice around smoking. Guidelines for smoking or vaporizing of any kind should be mutually agreed upon between you, the individual and when appropriate their family, before service begins. These include refraining from smoking in the same room or vehicle as the person being cared for or smoking only outside or in a designated area.

Safety is paramount for the people we support. Your judgment or ability to provide support must not be impaired by alcohol, cannabis, medication or any other licit or illicit substance while providing support to the individual. You should get professional advice and must be aware of the impairing effects of any drug or medication you consume. Specific guidelines for alcohol or cannabis use should be mutually agreed upon between you and the person supported/family before service begins. A good time to discuss this is during the development of the Shared Commitment.

BACI's Life Sharing Network understands that social drinking is a part of the culture and a commonly accepted practice among many people and families. The legal use of recreational cannabis may also be accepted by certain people and families, but may not be a commonly accepted practice, as recreational cannabis use was only recently made legal.

It is our expectation that Life Sharing Providers will always conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates positive role modeling, that they will exercise good judgment and use common sense. This expectation extends to the provider's decision to consume alcohol or cannabis while providing support to the person in their care. Specific guidelines for alcohol or cannabis use should be mutually agreed upon between you and the individual/family before service begins.

Your first obligation as a Life Sharing Provider is always to provide a safe and secure environment for the person you support. There may be occasions where the consumption of alcohol, cannabis or another substance impairs your capacity to provide this, and to respond appropriately to any emergency that might arise. On these occasions, it is your responsibility to provide pre-arranged, alternate support for the person in your care, thereby ensuring responsible and competent support.