

Life Sharing – Travel

While many adults can provide their own consent, if you are planning to take a trip, be sure you have the correct permissions in place. As per CLBC policy you must have advance written permission from the appropriate decision maker for any person who has a Committee of Person or Representative under a Representation Agreement.

You are required to inform your Life Sharing Manager and update them about the travel plans in advance.

The plan should include:

- Be person centered, reflecting the person’s own desire to travel.
- Destination
- Duration of absence
- Emergency contacts
- Basic medical coverage
- Risk assessment/mitigation

While travelling you are required to carry medical information and emergency numbers with you. If you are crossing into the U.S. or travelling internationally, you must also have a permission letter from the designated decision-making authority or from BACI, a passport for the individual, appropriate medical insurance coverage and medical information, COVID-19 Vaccine Status (any other COVID instructions) and emergency numbers. In the current environment, travel rules for crossing the border may change, so check before you leave home. If you are leaving with the person supported for more than 12 hours, check with your Life Sharing Manager to assess whether the need for a “Risk Assessment”.

Support provided will be equivalent to that provided when not traveling. No additional funding will be provided to assist with expenses.

People supported through CLBC services may travel outside of BC for a maximum of 30 days in a row or they may risk losing their funding. Any instance where a person wishes to travel outside of BC with a service provider for more than 30 days must be approved in advance by the VP of regional operations and the approval will occur only in rare and exceptional circumstances.