



Health & Safety Alert #30-3-02

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Situation - Several very serious incidents--including one accidental death--have occurred following an individual's move from one residence to another. There is often unfamiliarity with the area and issues arise that the consumer may not have faced before.

Alert - Consideration should be given to all factors when planning an individual's move to a new location. One factor is where the individual works and how they will safely get to and from work.

The level of risk and supervision for each individual should reflect an individualized assessment of the consumer's ability to manage independence. Housing coordinators should request verification of suitability of each placement from a safety perspective. Concerns should be addressed with the service coordinator and placement team. Reviews should consider where the individual works in relation to the proposed housing option. Careful consideration must be given to how the individual will be getting back and forth from work and the dependability of the transportation mode *during all the times and days their work or leisure interests require*. The team should also discuss other issues such as neighborhood traffic densities, traffic patterns, proximity to shopping, existence of sidewalks, documented successful completion of travel training, etc. All concerns should be documented.

For questions or comments regarding the above Alert, please contact the MUI/Registry Unit at (614) 995-3810.

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