

Functional Independence Policy at Surrey

Surrey operates its centers with a high regard for ensuring the well-being and enjoyment of all of our members. When someone joins Surrey, there is an understanding that the individual has a basic level of Functional Independence (FI). This includes, but is not limited to:

- the ability to safely move throughout the building without needing assistance from another person, including entering and exiting the building; or,
- if they use a cane, walker or wheelchair, move independently, and get up and sit down without rocking, and consistently using their device
- the ability to toilet themselves without assistance
- the ability to follow basic hygiene rules such as handwashing after using the bathroom, regular bathing, recognizing if they have soiled themselves, etc.
- the cognitive ability to know where they are and remembering previous visits to Surrey, knowing where different programs are located within the building
- recognizing the need to stay inside the building and not becoming disoriented and wandering off
- Not becoming combative and showing signs of impulsivity or anger when they do not want to participate in programming
- Having the overall ability to advocate for their personal needs as necessary

Functional Independence is imperative because Surrey does not have the capacity to monitor members one-on-one or supervise them individually. Members are evaluated on these measures of FI with the main concerns being their safety and well-being, as well as the safety and well-being of high functioning members who are around them.

If you have a question about this policy, please contact the Center Director at the location you plan to attend.