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## ***Safety & Supervision Policy – 2026***

### **I. Purpose & Commitment to Safety**

At Bizzy Bees Therapy at The Ability Institute (*The Ability Institute*), the safety, dignity, well-being, and successful participation of every child and family remain our highest priorities.

***Our clinic environment is intentionally designed to support:***

- movement,
- sensory exploration,
- functional participation,
- communication,
- regulation,
- play,
- independence,
- and interdisciplinary therapeutic care.

Many of the spaces, tools, and therapeutic activities utilized within our clinic involve specialized equipment, sensory experiences, climbing structures, adaptive devices, feeding materials, swings, mobility equipment, and movement-based intervention strategies. While these resources create meaningful opportunities for growth and development, they also require careful supervision and adherence to safety expectations.

***This policy exists to:***

- maintain a safe therapeutic environment,
  - clarify supervision expectations,
  - support effective clinical care,
  - protect children, families, staff, and visitors,
  - and preserve the integrity and safety of our therapeutic spaces and equipment.
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### **II. General Supervision Expectations**



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***Children must remain appropriately supervised at all times while on The Ability Institute's property, including:***

- treatment spaces,
- waiting areas,
- hallways,
- sensory rooms,
- bathrooms,
- parking areas,
- and clinic entrances/exits.

***Supervision responsibilities may vary depending upon:***

- the child's age,
- developmental level,
- medical complexity,
- safety awareness,
- regulation needs,
- elopement risk,
- mobility status,
- and treatment setting.

***Bizzy Bees Therapy LLC at The Ability Institute reserves the right to require caregiver presence during sessions or throughout clinic visits whenever clinically or safely appropriate.***

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### **III. Parent & Caregiver Responsibilities**

***Parents and caregivers are responsible for:***

- supervising children before and after therapy sessions,
- supervising siblings and non-patient children at all times,
- monitoring children in waiting areas and common spaces,
- ensuring safe behavior throughout the clinic,
- and promptly communicating any safety concerns, behavioral changes, medical updates, or elopement risks to staff.

*Caregivers may not leave siblings or non-participating children unattended anywhere within the clinic.*

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#### **IV. Transition of Supervision Responsibility**

*Supervision responsibility transfers to The Ability Institute's staff only when:*

- the child has been formally received by the treating clinician,
- and the child is actively participating within the scheduled treatment session.

*At the conclusion of the session:*

- supervision responsibility immediately returns to the caregiver upon therapist transition or dismissal.

*Bizzy Bees Therapy LLC at The Ability Institute and its staff are not responsible for supervision:*

- before therapist handoff,
  - after session dismissal,
  - in parking areas,
  - or outside scheduled appointment times.
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#### **V. Waiting Room & Common Area Expectations**

To maintain a safe, calm, and respectful environment for all families:

*Children and siblings may not:*

- climb on furniture,
- run through hallways,
- access treatment equipment,
- enter restricted clinical spaces,
- disturb other medical practices within the building,
- or engage in unsafe behaviors within waiting or common areas.

*Families are expected to:*

- maintain respectful noise levels,
- support safe and regulated behavior,
- clean up personal belongings and food items,
- and respect the privacy and comfort of other families within shared spaces.

*The Ability Institute reserves the right to intervene if behaviors create safety concerns for children, families, staff, or clinic operations.*

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## **VI. Sensory Gym & Equipment Safety**

The sensory gym and treatment environments contain specialized therapeutic equipment intended for use only under clinician direction and supervision.

*This may include:*

- swings,
- climbing equipment,
- crash pads,
- suspended equipment,
- zip lines,
- adaptive mobility devices,
- sensory tools,
- feeding equipment,
- and large motor equipment.

*For safety reasons:*

- children may not access therapy equipment without therapist approval and supervision,
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- siblings may not use therapy equipment unless specifically authorized by staff,
- and families must follow all therapist safety instructions regarding equipment usage.

*BBTAI reserves the right to discontinue equipment use if unsafe behaviors occur.*

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## **VII. Elopement, Behavioral, & Safety Concerns**

*Families are responsible for informing The Ability Institute of any child who may:*

- elope,
- demonstrate aggressive behaviors,
- engage in self-injurious behaviors,
- have poor safety awareness,
- require specialized supervision,
- or present with medical or behavioral risks impacting safety.

*Our team strives to create supportive and compassionate therapeutic environments while also maintaining safety for:*

- the child,
- peers,
- caregivers,
- staff,
- and visitors.

*Additional supervision requirements, caregiver participation, environmental modifications, or treatment adjustments may be implemented when clinically or safely necessary.*

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## **VIII. Illness, Medical Changes, & Emergency Information**

*Families are responsible for promptly notifying BBTAI regarding:*

- significant medical changes,
- seizures,
- recent injuries,
- hospitalizations,

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- surgeries,
- medication changes,
- allergies,
- mobility changes,
- feeding safety concerns,
- or any other information that may impact safe participation in therapy services.

*Accurate and updated emergency contact information must remain on file at all times.*

*In the event of a medical emergency, Bizzy Bees Therapy LLC at The Ability Institute's staff will initiate appropriate emergency response procedures, including contacting emergency medical services when necessary.*

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## **IX. Feeding & Allergy Safety**

*Families participating in feeding therapy services are responsible for:*

- disclosing known allergies,
- providing accurate medical and feeding history,
- supplying appropriate foods or feeding materials when requested,
- and communicating any changes in feeding safety or medical status.

*While our organization strives to maintain safe feeding environments, families acknowledge that:*

- food exposure,
- sensory exploration,
- and feeding-based activities may involve inherent risk.

*Children requiring specialized emergency medications (including epinephrine or seizure rescue medications) must have those medications available and accessible during therapy visits whenever medically indicated.*

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## **X. Footwear, Clothing, & Physical Participation**

*For safety purposes:*

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- children should wear clothing appropriate for movement and participation,
- closed-toe footwear is strongly recommended unless otherwise directed by staff in areas such as the sensory gym or gross motor gym,
- and socks may be required in designated sensory or equipment areas.

*The Ability Institute reserves the right to modify participation in activities if attire, footwear, regulation, illness, or safety concerns limit safe engagement.*

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## **XI. Parking Lot & Facility Safety**

*Caregivers are responsible for supervising children:*

- entering and exiting the facility,
- within parking areas,
- near roadways,
- and throughout all exterior clinic spaces.

*Children may not:*

- run through parking areas,
- play near vehicles,
- or remain unattended outside the facility at any time.

*The Ability Institute is not responsible for supervision within parking areas or exterior property spaces.*

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## **XII. Respect for Clinic Equipment & Environment**

The Ability Institute's therapeutic spaces, adaptive equipment, technology, sensory tools, and clinical resources are intentionally selected to support safe and meaningful developmental intervention.

*Families and children are expected to:*

- utilize equipment respectfully,
- follow therapist instructions,

- report damaged equipment,
- and support maintenance of a safe and organized environment.

***Intentional destruction, unsafe misuse of equipment, or repeated disregard for safety expectations may result in:***

- removal from specific activities,
  - modification of treatment participation,
  - financial responsibility for damages when appropriate,
  - or reassessment of service appropriateness.
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### **XIII. Right to Modify Participation for Safety**

***The Ability Institute reserves the right to:***

- modify treatment activities,
- require caregiver participation,
- discontinue unsafe activities,
- alter supervision requirements,
- or terminate sessions when safety concerns arise.

***These decisions are made in the interest of protecting:***

- the child,
  - caregivers,
  - staff,
  - peers,
  - and the therapeutic environment as a whole.
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### **XIV. Acknowledgement**

***By signing below, I acknowledge that:***

- I have reviewed and understand the ***Safety & Supervision Policy***,
- I understand my responsibilities regarding supervision of my child and accompanying siblings,
- I agree to follow clinic safety expectations and therapist instructions,



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- and I understand that Bizzy Bees Therapy LLC at The Ability Institute reserves the right to modify participation or supervision requirements in the interest of safety.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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