Dignity of Risk and Duty of Care

Your Choices Matter

At Ability WA, we respect your right to make decisions about your own life, including choices that involve risk.

We recognise that everyone is different, with their own goals, preferences and circumstances. We believe you should have choice and control over the things that matter to you.

What matters to you, matters to us.

Dignity of Risk

Dignity of risk means having the freedom to make choices, try new things and take reasonable risks as part of living a full and meaningful life.

At Ability WA, we support you to:

- Make informed choices
- Learn through experience
- Pursue your goals and interests
- Have choice and control in your life

We understand that every choice comes with different levels of risk, and we will work with you to understand what is important to you.

Duty of Care

Ability WA has a duty of care to act reasonably to support your safety, wellbeing and rights.

This means we:

- Consider any potential risks or harms
- Share information to help you make informed decisions
- Work with you to identify ways to reduce risk where possible
- Support your wellbeing while respecting your choices

How We Balance Choice and Safety

Sometimes, a person's choice may involve a level of risk that needs careful consideration.

When this happens, we will:

- Listen to and understand your wishes and goals
- Discuss the benefits and risks with you
- Involve your family, guardian or support network where appropriate and with your consent
- Explore options and supports that help you achieve your goals safely
- Work together to find the best balance between your choice and your wellbeing

Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Respecting your rights, choices and independence
- Supporting informed decision making
- Recognising your right to take reasonable risks
- Working in partnership with you and your support network
- Balancing dignity of risk with our duty of care responsibilities

Your voice, your choices, your life.