



Quality Assurance/Corporate Compliance (QA/CC)

Risk Assessment Tool for COS Safeguard Planning:

Objective: We all take risks every day. ISSNY understands there is no such thing as a risk-free life. It is important to use positive safeguarding rather than risk elimination. In order to do so, the person, with the support of his or her COS must define tolerable vs. intolerable risks throughout his or her person planning process and find options to keep the person safe while mitigating potential risks.

Here are some areas your ISSNY QA/CC Team suggests you include in your Safeguard Planning depending on the person:

Can the person advocate for himself or herself?	Yes/No
Can the person attend to their daily activities'?	Yes/No
Can they manage their personal health and wellness?	Yes/No
Can they manage their potential mental health considerations?	Yes/No
Can the person identify and use personal coping strategies for interfering behavior challenges?	Yes/No
Can the person take action to support personal safety in their home?	Yes/No
Can the person take action to support personal safety in the community?	Yes/No

** If you answered No to any of the above, QA/CC recommends you attach a separate **Positive Safeguard Plan for each question**, if measures are not already in place.

**Per OPWDD, this tool is not intended to replace any process for determining risk for persons who display behaviors that rise to a level warranting a clinical risk assessment.*

Additional Recommendations:

- Make informed choices
- Take responsibility
- Understand consequences