

ADULT FAMILY HOME (AFH) INFORMATION SHEET

Resident Rights

Review [Chapter 388-76 WAC](#) for current licensing requirements

What rights do residents have in the home?

See [WAC 388-76-10510](#)

- Some basic rights for residents include:
 - To receive appropriate care and services;
 - To be treated with courtesy;
 - To continue to enjoy basic civil and legal rights (such as privacy and confidentiality in written and telephone communications, and in expressing their grievances);
 - To exercise reasonable control over life decisions (such as choice of food, participation in activities, bedtime, access to visitors, and privacy);
 - The opportunity to engage in religious, political, civic, recreational, and other social activities of their choice;
 - To be cared for in a manner that promotes the resident's present quality of life including a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment; and
 - To allow the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible.

What types of privacy do residents need in the home?

See [WAC 388-76-10575](#)

- Residents have the right to personal privacy including, but not limited to:
 - Medical treatment;
 - Clinical or resident records;

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- Personal care (such as, dressing, bathing, combing hair, and incontinence care); and
- Visits, meetings, and phone calls with family, friends, and resident groups.
- The adult family home must also ensure resident's have privacy in communications, including sending and receiving mail and access to a telephone that allows for confidential calls per [WAC 388-76-10600](#).

What are some examples of other rights residents have in the home?

See [WAC 388-76-10580](#), [WAC 388-76-10590](#), and [WAC 388-76-10645](#)

- The right to voice grievances, including those about care and treatment given or not given;
- The right to have access to and from resident advocates (such as the long-term care ombudsman and other visitors); and
- The right to be reasonably accommodated to meet his or her needs and preferences, except when the reasonable accommodation endangers others.

For further information about these requirements:

See [WAC 388-76-10510](#) through WAC 388-76-10645 and [Chapter 70.129 RCW](#)

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ADULT FAMILY HOME RESIDENT'S RIGHTS NOTICE

WAC 388-76-xxxx and RCW 70.129.xxx

INSTRUCTIONS: Provider and resident and/or POA review resident rights and sign. File a signed copy in the resident record, and give POA a copy as well.

Each resident shall have the following rights to:

- 1) Be provided safe, adequate care and appropriate quality of life;
- 2) Be provided a clean, comfortable environment;
- 3) Be free from physical, mental, verbal and sexual abuse;
- 4) Receive a written copy of resident's rights or to have a copy of such rights provided to the guardian or agent
- 5) Designated by the resident. Providers shall retain in the resident's record a copy for each resident signed by the
- 6) Resident or the resident's legal representative or designated agent indicating that it has been read and understood;
- 7) Be treated in a manner respecting the resident's individual identity, dignity, and self-esteem;
- 8) Be moved or transferred only for the resident's welfare or the welfare of other resident(s). A written notice will be
- 9) Provided to the resident or the resident's legal representative thirty days prior to such a move or transfer unless an
- 10) Emergency condition requires immediate transfer;
- 11) Open communications including the right to:
 - a) Associate and communicate privately with persons of the resident's choice;
 - b) Send and receive uncensored correspondence;
 - c) Have reasonable access to a telephone to make and to receive personal calls, in privacy; and,
 - d) Receive visitors in the adult family home and be assured privacy for visits with relatives and guests, provided
- 12) The visits do not infringe upon other resident or provider rights.
- 13) Manage personal financial affairs unless the resident is declared incompetent in a court proceeding. The provider
- 14) Or resident manager shall:
 - a) Only maintain resident funds upon the written request of the resident or the resident's legal representative;
 - b) Provide the resident or legal representative with a complete accounting of funds;
 - c) Maintain appropriate records for auditing purposes;
 - d) Not commingle resident funds with provider or resident manager funds.
- 15) Retain and use personal possessions unless doing so infringes upon the rights of other residents;
- 16) Refuse to perform services for the provider or resident manager;
- 17) Complain about or recommend changes in policies and services of the home to the provider, resident manager, or
- 18) Outside representatives free from reprisal;
- 19) Participate in social, religious, and community activities of the resident's choice;
- 20) Have information contained in resident health records kept confidential;
- 21) Be given thirty days written notice of changes in policies, procedures, and fees, including changes in level of care
- 22) Costs;
- 23) Receive the services outlined in the service plan;
- 24) Be free from financial exploitation. The provider, resident manager, or relief caregiver shall not solicit, accept, or
- 25) Receive money or property from a resident other than the amount agreed to for services; and,
- 26) Be free from physical and chemical restraints.

**I Have Read, Have Had Read To Me, Or Otherwise Have Been Informed
Of My Rights While Living In An Adult Family Home.**

Signatures	Date
<i>Resident OR:</i>	
<i>POA:</i>	
<i>AFH Provider:</i>	

*All written resident rights, house policies, and admission agreements are subject to department review and approval.