

## Transforming Lives

## Disaster Preparedness Rule Making Kickoff Meeting

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## **Welcome and Introductions**

## **Review Meeting Agenda**

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# Purpose and Objectives of Work Group

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### This is what work group is here to do

- SHB 1218
- Participation and support
- Decision making

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- Work plan divided into four subject areas
  - Communication Systems (Sections 4, 9, 15, 25)
  - Visitation (Sections 6, 20)
  - Safe and Healthy Environment (Section 1, 5, 11, 12, 16)
  - Disaster Plans (Sections 5, 11, 12, 16)

### • For each subject area we will:

- Have at least 2 meetings.
  - One meeting per month
- First meeting will explore the topic, share information, present relevant data
- Second meeting

#### Rule Development Timeline

Activity	Anticipated Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
File CR-101	Jan 31, 2022	Jan 26, 2022
Notify stakeholders	Feb 14, 2022	Feb 4, 2022
Create stakeholder workgroup	April 1, 2022	April 29, 2022
Work with stakeholders to draft rule recommendations:		
<ul> <li>Communication systems, resident access, facility</li> </ul>	June 15, 2022	
<ul> <li>policies, etc.</li> <li>Visitation</li> </ul>	Aug 15, 2022	
<ul> <li>Safe and healthy environment</li> </ul>	Nov 15, 2022	
Disaster plans	April 15, 2023	
Review draft rules with ALTSA/RCS leadership	May 2023	
Conduct informal stakeholder rule review and comment	June 2023	
Prepare proposed rules and required analyses	July 2023	
File CR-102	Aug 2023	
Notify Stakeholders	Aug 2023	
Hold Public Hearing	Sept 2023	
Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	Oct 2023	
File CR-103	Nov 2023	
Notify stakeholders	Nov 2023	
Rule Effective	Dec 2023	

#### Purpose

The department is considering amending the rules to:

- Facility communication system, resident access to communications, and facility responsiveness to outside communications.
- Visitation of essential support persons.
- Resident's rights to a safe and healthy environment.
- Comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, and related policies and procedures, and equipment for a range of potential hazards, emergencies, and disasters.

#### **Recent Issues and Activities**

The department filed the CR-101 for this rule making on January 26, 2022 under WSR 22-04-047.

#### Next Steps

Begin meeting with the stakeholder workgroup to develop rule recommendations to the requirements under SHB 1218.

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- Website
  - We plan to use our website to share information and post updates
  - Currently in draft form, not yet published

## **Introduce Communication Systems**

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### • Some of issues we will look at include:

- "... shall be responsive to incoming communications and respond within a reasonable time to phone and electronic messages."
  - RCW 18.20.184, RCW 18.51.575, RCW 70.97.195
- "... must have a communication system, including a sufficient quantity of working telephones and other communication equipment ..."
  - RCW 18.20.184, RCW 18.51.575, RCW 70.97.195
- "Have reasonable access <u>within a reasonable time</u> to the use of a <u>telephone and</u> <u>other communication equipment</u> ... "

• RCW 70.129.080

# **Next Steps**

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### **Next Steps**

- Recurring monthly meeting
- Communications Systems

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