**Adult Family Home (AFH) Information Sheet**

Licensed Capacity

**Review** [**Chapter 388-76 WAC**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true) **for current licensing requirements**

**How many residents may live in my home?** See [WAC 388-76-10030](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10030)

* Adult family homes are licensed to provide personal care, special care, room, and board to more than one but not more than six adult family homes.
* An adult family home’s capacity may be increased to up to eight adults upon approval from the department if they meet the requirements of RCW [70.128.066](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.128.066).

**How does the department decide how many residents may live in my home?**

There are several factors which may impact the resident capacity of the home, some of which are:

* The structural design of your home such as number of toilets, size of bedrooms, width of doorways, and common living area space;
* The ability to safely evacuate all people living in the home;
* The number and qualifications of your staff, for example, bedbound and heavy care residents might require more staff and limit the number of residents in your home;
* The number of other people living in the home who may require special care, such as children and other household members; and
* The number of people for which your home provides adult day care.
* The home cannot provide care for more than six individuals total, or eight with approval under RCW [70.128.066](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.128.066).

**How do I change the licensed capacity of my home after my home is licensed?**

* Complete and submit the “[Request Licensed Bed Capacity Increase](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/forms/word/06-168.docx)” or “[Request Licensed Bed Capacity Decrease”](https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/FSA/forms/pdf/06-169.pdf) form.
* Be sure all of the bedrooms you will use for residents have been inspected by your local building inspector prior to submitting the form.

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