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

Resident Rights

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

**What rights do residents have in the home?**

See [WAC 388-76-10510](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#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 qualify 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](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10575)

* Residents have the right to personal privacy including, but not limited to:
  + Medical treatment;
  + Clinical or resident records;
  + 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](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10600).

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

See [WAC 388-76-10580](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10580), [WAC 388-76-10590](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10590), and [WAC 388-76-10645](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#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](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10510) through WAC 388-76-10645 and [Chapter 70.129 RCW](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.129&full=true)

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