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

Safety and Maintenance

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

**What are the safety and maintenance requirements that I need to follow for the adult family home?**

See [WAC 388-76-10750](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-76&full=true#388-76-10750)

* Keep the home both internally and externally in good repair and condition;
* A homelike environment that is safe, comfortable, sanitary, and free of hazards;
* Provide a safe outdoor area that is accessible and usable for residents;
* Provide clean, functioning, safe, adequate household items and furnishings to meet the needs of each resident;
* Provide safe and functioning systems for heating, cooling, hot and cold water, electricity, plumbing, cooking, laundry, lighting, and ventilation;
* Ensure hot water temperature is at least one hundred five degrees but does not exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit at all fixtures used by or accessible to residents;
* Provide storage for toxic substances, poisons, and hazardous materials that is only accessible to residents under direct supervision, unless a resident has been assessed as safe to use the materials without direct supervision;
* Provide rapid access to any bedroom, toilet and shower rooms, closet and any other room occupied by a resident (which may include a key to unlock the door in an emergency);
* Keep firearms locked; and
* Keep the home free from rodents, flies, and other pests.

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