

# DCYF\_LD\_Group Care Environmental and Safety Preparedness

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## WAC 110-145-2580 Emergency and evacuation plans

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2580 Emergency and evacuation plans.**

Licensees must:

- (1) Evaluate their risk for emergencies;
- (2) Develop written emergency plans based on the evaluation in subsection (1) of this section that includes:
  - (a) At a minimum, responses to the following types of emergencies:
    - (i) Hostile individuals on the premises;
    - (ii) Fires; and
    - (iii) Natural disasters; and
  - (b) A written evacuation plan that:
    - (i) Reflects the developmental capabilities of the children and youth in care; and
    - (ii) Includes:
      - (A) Actions to be taken:
        - (I) By the individuals discovering the emergency while waiting for the emergency responders;
        - (II) Following the emergency; and
        - (III) Reporting the emergency to the department as outlined in WAC 110-145-2780;
      - (B) Evacuation of the building in a manner that is safe for children, youth, and personnel; and
      - (C) An evacuation floor plan, identifying the location of:
        - (I) Exit doors and windows;
        - (II) Fire extinguishers; and
        - (III) Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, unless the facility has an integrated fire suppression system that includes both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors;
- (3) Submit their emergency plans to the department for approval as required in WAC 110-145-2360 and when there are changes;
- (4) Store their emergency plans in a manner that is readily available to personnel, children, and youth;

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- (5) Educate children and youth based on their developmental capabilities about the emergency plans at admission;
- (6) Practice and document the response to hostile individuals and natural disasters with children and youth in care quarterly appropriate to their developmental capabilities; and
- (7) Post a copy of the evacuation floor plan at each exit door.

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## WAC 110-145-2590 First-aid supplies

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2590 First-aid supplies.**

Licensees must:

- (1) Keep adequate first-aid supplies on hand for immediate use;
- (2) Have first-aid supplies available to personnel and children or youth as appropriate to their developmental capabilities for immediate use at all times including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Protective nonlatex gloves;
  - (b) Bandages;
  - (c) Scissors;
  - (d) Compression bandages;
  - (e) Gauze;
  - (f) Tape; and
  - (g) Unbreakable mercury free thermometer.

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## WAC 110-145-2600 Fire safety

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2600 Fire safety.**

(1) This section does not apply to facilities licensed as SRHs for five or fewer children or youth, who must meet local fire safety regulations.

(2) Licensees must:

(a) Comply with the local building and fire codes and the state fire marshal regulations. If requirements differ between these entities, licensees must comply with the most stringent requirement;

(b) Have their address clearly visible on the facility or mailbox so that emergency personnel can easily locate the facility;

(c) Allow for emergency vehicles to have easy access to the facility;

(d) Be familiar with safety procedures related to fire prevention, including fire drill procedures;

(e) Have easy access to all rooms in the facility in case of emergencies;

(f) Not leave open-flame devices unattended or use them for a purpose other than for what they were designed for; and

(g) Be able to:

(i) Operate all fire extinguishers installed on the premises;

(ii) Test smoke detectors, including single station types;

(iii) Conduct monthly inspections at the facility to identify fire hazards;

(iv) Take action to correct any hazards noted during the inspection; and

(v) Verify:

(A) Children and youth in care are able to escape from every floor in the facility. This may include having one or more functional fire ladders available from upper stories; and

(B) Windows open to the outside that are large enough for emergency personnel to enter and exit wearing rescue gear, unless the building or structure:

(I) Has a fire sprinkler protection system; and

(II) Was previously approved by the local fire marshal or building official with jurisdiction.

(3) Facilities licensed for children age birth through five years old and others who may be endangered based on their developmental capabilities must have barriers for:

(a) Fireplaces;

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(b) Wood stoves; and

(c) Other heating systems.

(4) The department may require licensees to have an inspection by the state fire marshal or the local fire authority if:

(a) The department has questions about fire safety; or

(b) Local ordinances or the state fire marshal require these inspections.

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## WAC 110-145-2610 Smoke detectors

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2610 Smoke detectors.**

Licensees must:

- (1) Meet the state fire marshal regulations for smoke detectors and have operating smoke detectors with a strobe, that are:
  - (a) Approved by UL or Factory Mutual;
  - (b) In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
  - (c) Installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications;
  - (d) Located:
    - (i) Both inside and outside of all sleeping areas;
    - (ii) On each story of the facility;
    - (iii) In all play areas; and
    - (iv) In the basement; and
  - (e) Tested monthly if using single-station smoke detectors or in the manner specified by the manufacturer; and
- (2) Have a written record on the premises of the date and time the smoke detector tests were completed.

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## WAC 110-145-2620 Carbon monoxide detectors

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2620 Carbon monoxide detectors.**

Licensees must install and maintain single station carbon monoxide alarms that comply with UL 2034:

- (1) In or near each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms;
- (2) On each story of the facility; and
- (3) Per NFPA 72 and the manufacturer's instructions.

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## WAC 110-145-2630 Fire extinguishers

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2630 Fire extinguishers.**

- (1) Licensees must:
  - (a) Have at least one 2A10BC-rated five pound or larger all-purpose ABC fire extinguisher readily available at all times;
  - (b) Mount fire extinguishers in:
    - (i) The area of the normal path of exiting; and
    - (ii) A bracket or a fire extinguisher cabinet so that the top of the extinguisher is no more than five feet above the floor; and
  - (c) Add fire extinguishers as needed so that no point in the facility is more than 75 feet from a fire extinguisher;
  - (d) Keep at least one fire extinguisher on each story of a multilevel facility;
  - (e) Maintain and service fire extinguishers according to manufacturer's specifications; and
  - (f) Receive a maintenance certification from a licensed firm specializing in this work for each fire extinguisher that is more than a year old, based on the manufacturer's recommended schedule, including a thorough check of the extinguisher for:
    - (i) Mechanical parts;
    - (ii) Extinguishing agent; and
    - (iii) Expelling means.
- (2) The department may require additional fire extinguishers be available on the premises, in consultation with the local fire authority or state fire marshal.

## WAC 110-145-2640 Fire drills

### NEW SECTION

#### **WAC 110-145-2640 Fire drills.**

Licensees must:

- (1) Conduct a monthly fire drill at varying times of the day and night so that children, youth, and personnel on all shifts practice the procedures;
- (2) Have a written record on the premises of the date and time that all drills were completed; and
- (3) Consult with and follow the state fire marshal protocol for simulated fire drills when caring for nonambulatory children or youth.

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