



Policy and Procedure # 406

Residential Client Physical and Safety Requirements

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POLICY:

EFI shall provide a safe living environment for all clients receiving residential services and a safe work environment for employees.

REFERENCE: [WAC 388-101D-0170](#)

PROCEDURE:

1. EFI will must ensure that the following home safety requirements are met for each client unless otherwise specified in the client's individual support plan:
 - a. A safe and healthy environment;
 - b. Accessible telephone equipment and a list of emergency contact numbers;
 - c. An evacuation plan developed and practiced with the client;
 - d. Unblocked door and window for emergency exit;
 - e. A safe storage area for flammable and combustible materials;
 - f. An operating smoke detector, with a light alarm for clients with hearing impairments;
 - g. An accessible flashlight or other safe accessible light source in working condition; and
 - h. Basic first-aid supplies.

2. EFI must assist clients in regulating household water temperature unless otherwise specified in the client's individual support plan as follows:
 - a. Maintain water temperature in the household no higher than one hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit and no less than one hundred and five degrees Fahrenheit;
 - b. The water temperature must be checked and logged when the client first moves into the household and the first week of each month.
 - c. Water temperature must be regulated for clients who receive twenty-four hour support, and for other clients as specified in the individual support plan.
 - i. Water temperatures out of the required temperature range must be reported to the supervisor immediately.
 - ii. Households where water temperatures require adjusting will be checked and logged twice daily for three days then weekly for 4 weeks, monthly thereafter.

3. EFI must document and keep records that indicate that physical safety requirements are met for each client.

4. A client may independently document these requirements are met when the client's individual support plan specifies this level of client involvement.