

# *Administrator Alert*

## *Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living, Residential Care & Nursing Facilities*

Office of Licensing & Quality — Oregon Department of Human Services

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### **Safety Alert: Window Blind Cord(s)**

Please share this Administrator Alert with all staff responsible for Resident environmental safety.

- Window blind cord(s) should be secured in a manner in which cognitively impaired resident(s) are not able to access the cord(s).
- The cord(s) should be secured up and off the window sills; not hanging down loose in a manner in which a resident might wrap the cord(s) around their neck or other body parts in a manner which may cause injury or death.

References: Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), 411-086-0140:

(2) Safe Environment. The licensee shall ensure the provision of a safe environment to protect residents from injury. Actions taken by the facility staff shall be consistent with each resident's right to fully participate in his or her own care planning and shall not limit any resident's ability to care for herself/himself.

(a) Dangerous Conditions. The licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to protect a resident from possible injury from dangerous conditions.

For questions regarding this safety alert, please contact Kathy Giddens, Corrective Action Coordinator, (503) 945-6400.



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