

Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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Topic: Extreme Heat in Your Adult Foster Home

Provider: APD (Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities)

Most areas of the state have experienced high temperatures recently. As you know, the elderly are particularly vulnerable at this time. It is important for each facility to review the policies and procedures it has already developed to ensure the provision of necessary care.

Under OAR 411-050-0650(1)(d)(A), (B) and (C):

- During times of extreme summer heat, the licensee must make reasonable effort to keep the residents comfortable using ventilation, fans, or air conditioning.
- Precautions must be taken to prevent resident exposure to stale, non-circulating air. If the licensee is unable to maintain a comfortable temperature for the residents during times of extreme summer heat, air conditioning or another cooling system may be required.
- If the facility is air-conditioned, the system must be functional and the filters must be cleaned or changed as needed to ensure proper maintenance.

Helpful information can be found on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/>

