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To: All APD Adult Foster Home Licensees

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ODHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)



**Subject: Potential Public Safety Power Shutoff**

Pacific Power issued [a news release Sept. 7, 2022](#), notifying customers in several Oregon counties of a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff. [The weather forecasts for Friday and Saturday](#) show high, gusty winds during extreme wildfire conditions.

People in these parts of Oregon could experience a Public Safety Power Shutoff:

- Stayton east through the Santiam Canyon
- Lebanon
- Sweet Home
- Lyons
- Detroit
- Idanha
- Lincoln City
- Newberg
- Glide east along Umpqua Highway

**Please note that updates are happening frequently, and this list of impacted areas is subject to change.**

A map of potentially affected areas is available at [www.pacificpower.net/psps](http://www.pacificpower.net/psps) and at <https://portlandgeneral.com/outages>.

Since a Public Safety Power Shutoff could impact any adult foster home (AFH) in the future, the Department wants all AFH providers to have plans in place in case this occurs in the future.

If you have any questions, you can contact the APD AFH team at the following email address: [APD.AFHTeam@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:APD.AFHTeam@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

As an AFH licensee you should be ready with a plan as to how you will meet the needs of the Oregonians residing in your facilities who rely on medical equipment that requires electricity, medication that requires temperature control, how to ensure residents are in a comfortable temperature environment, and how you will provide them with meals and snacks.

Please connect with SOQ and/or the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management if you are needing support or additional resources. The email contact for OREM is [EM.ODHS@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:EM.ODHS@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

Here is some information from the Oregon Public Utility Commission on power outage preparedness: <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/safety/Pages/Power-Outage-Prep.aspx>

Fire detection, egress, and lighting systems may only work for less than 90 minutes without power which is an issue that is often overlooked in power outages. If you are without power, please contact your local or state fire marshal to ensure you maintain compliance and resident safety.

For any questions, email the AFH policy team at [APD.AFHTeam@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:APD.AFHTeam@dhsaha.state.or.us)