

Policy Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



Lilia Teninty

Authorized signature

Number: DD-PT-22-033

Issue date: 3/24/2022

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All ODHS Employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): ODDS-Licensed Residential Setting Providers, including 24-Hour Residential Settings and Adult Foster Homes; Provider Organizations; SEIU |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Sprinkler Requirement Paused for ODDS-Licensed Residential Settings Serving Five or Fewer Individuals		
Policy/rule number(s):		Release number:	
Effective date:		Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation:

The requirement for ODDS-licensed residential settings serving five or fewer individuals licensed by ODDS prior to July 1, 2024, are not currently required to have sprinkler systems installed.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Oregon Legislative Assembly's 2022 Regular Session resulted in the passage of Senate Bill 1548. One of the provisions of SB 1548 provides a temporary pause to state building code requirements for sprinkler systems in ODDS-licensed residential settings serving five or fewer individuals. This pause specifically applies to ODDS-licensed 24-hour residential setting homes serving five or fewer individuals and adult foster homes.

This pause on enforcement is granted to those homes licensed by ODDS prior to July 1, 2024.

The sprinkler system requirement in Oregon Administrative Rule ([OAR](#)) [411-325-0270](#) remains in place for residential settings serving six or more individuals.

Additionally, as part of the requirements of SB 1548, ODDS must provide a report to the legislature by October 1, 2022, regarding the impact of sprinkler systems on residential settings, including impact on capacity to serve individuals being discharged from the Oregon State Hospital as well as individuals with disabilities in community-based settings; the estimated costs of compliance, including retrofitting existing licensed homes; and proposals for how to implement fire suppression standards while minimizing disruption of services. ODDS will be collaborating with community partners and stakeholders to gather information for this report.

Training/communication plan:

This transmittal will be discussed during the next Monthly Transmittal Review. Please send questions in advance to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us

The Monthly Transmittal Reviews are held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 pm using the Zoom platform. Please register in advance for these meetings:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qvqD8iGURx5OQk8TAdIS6Arg9ZAf4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing an appointment and information about joining the meeting. American Sign Language (ASL) and live captioning will be provided. To request other accommodations or languages, please send an email to ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us at least three business days prior to the meeting.

Resources:

Oregon Legislative Assembly 2022 Senate Bill 1548:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1548/Enrolled>

Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Building Codes Division
“BCD Technical Bulletin March 2022”:

<https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/publications.aspx>

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s): ODDS.Questions@dhsosha.state.or.us