

**Sec. 17a-227-29. Initial standards**

The licensee must meet the following standards before obtaining any license to conduct or maintain a residence for persons with mental retardation or autism.

**(a) Licensee Qualifications and Responsibilities**

(1) The licensee shall demonstrate the capacity to maintain a health and safe living environment for individuals.

(2) The licensee shall complete the department's approved training for community training home operators and/or shall be able to demonstrate during the CTH home study phase, that they are competent in the following areas:

- (A) first aid,
- (B) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR),
- (C) emergency medical procedures,
- (D) infection control procedures,
- (E) how to respond in case of fire and other life-threatening situations, and
- (F) DMR mission statement.
- (G) For homes licensed for children:
  - (1) permanency planning,
  - (2) subsidized adoption,
  - (3) educational rights,
  - (4) relations with natural families, and
  - (5) information resources.
- (H) For homes licensed for adults:
  - (1) use of generic resources,
  - (2) age-appropriate activities and expectations, and
  - (3) supported employment.

**(b) Health and Life Safety**

(1) The residence shall comply with all applicable state and local codes governing construction, fire and building safety.

(2) The applicant shall comply with the requirements delineated on the department's fire safety inspection report. Additionally, applicants located in a building containing more than two living units shall obtain a fire marshal certificate reflecting the applicable chapter of the NFPA Life Safety Code.

(3) The licensee shall have written evacuation procedures that are designed to accommodate the special requirements of each person who lives in the residence.

(4) The licensee shall have a plan for responding to power failure including the loss of electricity, heat or water.

(5) The licensee shall ensure that overall conditions of the residence are safe, sanitary, and meet applicable state health codes.

(6) The licensee shall ensure that toileting and bathing facilities are clean, accessible and afford privacy to the residents.

(7) The licensee shall ensure that furniture and furnishings are safe, comfortable, appropriate to the needs of the residents, and in good repair.

(8) The licensee shall ensure that bedrooms have walls that extend from floor to ceiling and at least one exterior window.

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(10) The licensee shall ensure that multiple-bed bedrooms provide at least 60 square feet per occupant.

(11) The licensee shall ensure that single-bed bedrooms contain at least 80 square feet.

(12) The licensee shall ensure that bedrooms contain additional space as needed for bedside assistance and to accommodate the use and storage of mobility devices and prosthetic equipment.

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