

General Recommendations for Child-Adult Boundary And Personal Safety Standards

- All persons over the age of 16 residing or regularly visiting in a residence providing overnight care will have a Washington State Patrol criminal history background check
- Child care will not be provided by persons impaired by drugs (prescribed or illicit) or alcohol
- Family members and/or caregivers will not conduct inspections or touching of genitalia, anus, buttocks or breast areas without a clear and specific medical complaint and reasonable cause to suspect that an injury or illness exists. This may include continuous or reoccurring complaints of pain, burning with urination, observable blood, and/or scratching or rubbing
- All adults will actively practice courteous and consistent behavior with children. This includes not forcing or verbally coercing or demeaning a child to participate in a social interaction when they demonstrate behavioral or verbal resistance or reluctance. This includes hugging, kissing, or other physical contact
- Family members will not bathe or shower together
- Family members will not share beds (excluding adult partners sleeping together)
- All family members or household residents and guests will be dressed appropriately at all times. Undergarments and see through fabric are not considered appropriate
- No tickling or wrestling is to take place between children and persons over the age of 16
- Privacy will be provided for bathing and toileting as is appropriate for the child's age and liability
- Permission will be sought to enter any bathing, sleeping, or toileting locations regardless of whether the door is locked
- Locks with appropriate safety over ride systems are provided for sleeping, bathing, and toileting locations
- Weapons will be secured with trigger locks and/or secured in a locked location. Ornamental weapons will be secured as is appropriate
- Sexually explicit (pornography) discussions or portrayals (videos, video games, print, and television) will not be conducted or displayed in the home while children under the age of 16 are present

- Portrayals (video games, videos, movies, television and print) of interpersonal violence will not be conducted or displayed in the home while children under the age of 16 are present
- Family members and other caregivers will not direct the child to engage in secretive behavior or the purposeful withholding of information from other family members
- Conflicts will be resolved without striking, punching, pushing, throwing items, yelling, or engaging in degrading or demeaning behavior or verbalizations
- No attempt will be made to influence the child's behavior through verbalization about another family member
- Custody or other emotionally laden subjects will not be discussed with or within the hearing of the child