

ADULT FOSTER CARE RESIDENT'S RIGHTS

MN STATUTE 245A.11

Subd. 10 Adult foster care resident rights.

(a) The license holder shall ensure that a resident and a resident's legal representative are given, at admission:

1. An explanation and copy of the resident's rights specified in paragraph (b);
2. A written summary of the Vulnerable Adults Protection Act prepared by the department; and
3. The name, address, and telephone number of the local agency to which a resident or a resident's legal representative may submit an oral or written complaint

(b) Adult foster care resident rights include the right to:

1. Have daily, private access to and use of a non-coin-operated telephone for local and long-distance telephone calls made collected or paid for by the resident;
2. Receive and send, without interference, uncensored, unopened mail or electronic correspondence or communication;
3. Have use of and free access to common areas in the residence and the freedom to come and go from the residence at will;
4. Have privacy for visits with the resident's spouse, next of kin, legal counsel, religious adviser, or others, according to section 363A.09 of the Human Rights Act, including privacy in the resident's bedroom;
5. Keep, use, and access the resident's personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless this right infringes on the health, safety, or rights of another resident or household member, including the right to access the resident's personal possessions at any time;
6. Choose the resident's visitors and time of visits and participate in activities of commercial, religious, political, and community groups without interference if the activities do not infringe on the rights of another resident or household member;
7. If married, privacy for visits by the resident's spouse, and, if both spouses are residents of the adult foster home, the residents have the right to share a bedroom and bed;
8. Privacy, including use of the lock on the resident's bedroom door or unit door. A resident's privacy must be respected by license holders, caregivers, household members, and volunteers by knocking on the door of a resident's bedroom or bathroom and seeking consent before entering, except in an emergency;
9. Furnish and decorate the resident's bedroom or living unit;
10. Engage in chosen activities and have an individual schedule supported by the license holder that meets the resident's preferences;
11. Freedom and support to access food at any time
12. Have personal, financial, service, health, and medical information kept private, and be advised of disclosure of this information by the license holder;
13. Access records and recorded information about the resident according to applicable state and federal law, regulation, or rule;
14. Be free from maltreatment
15. Be treated with courtesy and respect and receive respectful treatment of the resident's property;
16. Reasonable observance of cultural and ethnic practice and religion;
17. Be free from bias and harassment regarding race, gender, age, disability, spirituality, and sexual orientation;
18. Be informed of and use the license holder's grievance policy and procedures, including how to contact the highest level of authority in the program;

19. Assert the resident's rights personally, or have the rights asserted by the resident's family, authorized representative, or legal representative, without retaliation; and
20. Give or withhold written informed consent to participate in any research or experimental treatment.

I have received information regarding the Vulnerable Adult Act. I understand and will abide by the Adult Foster Care Resident's Rights according to MN Statute 245A.11.

Adult Foster Care Applicant Date

Adult Foster Care Co-Applicant Date

Adult Foster Care Licensing Social Worker Date