

WAC 388-97-0560 Personal property. (1) The resident has the right, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents, to:

(a) Retain and use personal possessions, including some furnishings, and appropriate clothing, as space permits;

(b) Provide his or her own bed and other furniture, if desired and space permits; and

(c) Not be required to keep personal property locked in the facility office, safe, or similar arrangement.

(2) The nursing home must:

(a) Not request or require residents to sign waivers of potential liability for losses of personal property; and

(b) Have a system in place to safeguard personal property within the nursing home that protects the personal property and yet allows the resident to use his or her property.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-0560, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]