

**WAC 246-320-126 Criminal history, disclosure, and background inquiries—Hospital responsibility.** This section outlines the requirements for hospitals to conduct criminal history background inquiries for all medical staff, employees or prospective employees who have or may have unsupervised access to children, vulnerable adults, and developmentally disabled adults.

Hospitals must:

(1) Require a disclosure statement according to RCW 43.43.834 for each prospective employee, volunteer, contractor, student, and any other person associated with the licensed hospital with unsupervised access to:

- (a) Children under sixteen years of age;
- (b) Vulnerable adults as defined under RCW 43.43.830; and
- (c) Developmentally disabled individuals;

(2) Require a Washington state patrol background inquiry according to RCW 43.43.834 for each prospective employee, volunteer, contractor, student, and any other person applying for association with the licensed hospital before allowing unsupervised access to:

- (a) Children under sixteen years of age;
- (b) Vulnerable adults as defined under RCW 43.43.830; and
- (c) Developmentally disabled individuals.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.41 RCW and RCW 43.70.040. WSR 09-07-050, § 246-320-126, filed 3/11/09, effective 4/11/09.]