

**WAC 388-103-0001 What definitions apply to this chapter?** In addition to the definitions found in chapter 74.34 RCW, the following definitions apply to this chapter:

(1) With respect to "abuse", the following definitions apply:

(a) Intentional. A person's action or inaction is intentional when the person's objective or purpose is to inflict injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a vulnerable adult.

(b) Willful. Willful is synonymous to knowing. A person's action or inaction is knowing when the person is aware that his or her action or inaction would inflict injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a vulnerable adult.

(c) Reckless. A person is reckless or acts recklessly when he or she knows of and disregards a substantial risk that his or her action or inaction is likely to inflict injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a vulnerable adult, and his or her disregard of such substantial risk is a gross deviation from conduct that a reasonable person would exercise in the same situation.

(2) "Adult family home" is defined under chapter 70.128 RCW.

(3) "Alleged perpetrator" means the person who is alleged to have abandoned, abused, financially exploited, neglected, or misappropriated the property of, an alleged victim; and the department has received a report of, is investigating, or has made an initial substantiated finding about such allegation.

(4) "Alleged victim" means:

(a) The person who is alleged to have been abandoned, abused, financially exploited, neglected, or had their property misappropriated by an alleged perpetrator; and the department has received a report of, is investigating, or has made an initial substantiated finding about such allegation; or

(b) The person who is alleged to be neglecting themselves; and the department has received a report of, is investigating, or has made an initial substantiated finding about the self-neglect.

(5) "Assisted living facility" is defined under chapter 18.20 RCW.

(6) "Basic necessities of life" means food, water, shelter, clothing, and medically necessary health care, including but not limited to health-related treatment or activities, hygiene, oxygen, and medication.

(7) "Facility" means a residence licensed or required to be licensed under:

(a) Chapter 18.20 RCW, assisted living facilities;

(b) Chapter 18.51 RCW, nursing homes;

(c) Chapter 70.128 RCW, adult family homes;

(d) Chapter 72.36 RCW, soldiers' homes;

(e) Chapter 71A.20 RCW, residential habilitation centers;

(f) Chapter 70.97 RCW, enhanced services facilities; or

(g) Any other facility licensed or certified by the department.

(8) "Final substantiated finding" means an initial substantiated finding of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, misappropriation of resident property, or neglect that:

(a) Has been upheld through the administrative hearing process described in WAC 388-103-0090 through 388-103-0160; or

(b) Is not timely appealed to the office of administrative hearings as required under WAC 388-103-0100.

(9) "Initial substantiated finding" means a finding by the department that, more likely than not, the alleged abandonment, abuse,

financial exploitation, misappropriation of resident property, neglect, or self-neglect occurred.

(10) "Legal representative" means a guardian or conservator appointed under either chapter 11.88 RCW or chapter 11.130 RCW; or an agent granted authority under a power of attorney as described under chapter 11.125 RCW.

(11) "Nursing assistant" means as it is defined under chapter 18.88A RCW.

(12) "Nursing facility" means a nursing home, or any portion of a hospital, veterans' home, or residential habilitation center, that is certified to provide nursing services to medicaid recipients under section 1919(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396r).

(13) "Nursing home" means any facility licensed to operate under chapter 18.51 RCW.

(14) "Person with a duty of care," in the context of abandonment and neglect, includes:

(a) A guardian or conservator appointed under chapter 11.88 RCW or chapter 11.130 RCW;

(b) An agent granted authority under a power of attorney as described under chapter 11.125 RCW; or

(c) A person providing the basic necessities of life to a vulnerable adult where:

(i) The person is employed by or on behalf of the vulnerable adult; or

(ii) The person voluntarily agrees to provide, or has been providing, the basic necessities of life to the vulnerable adult on a continuing basis.

(15) "Skilled nursing facility" means a nursing home, a portion of a nursing home, or a long-term care wing or unit of a hospital that has been certified to provide nursing services to medicare recipients under section 1819(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395i-3).

(16) "Vulnerable adult abuse registry" means the registry, established and maintained by the department as required under RCW 74.39A.056, that contains identifying information about people who have final substantiated findings of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, misappropriation of resident property, or neglect of a vulnerable adult.

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