

**WAC 388-829C-320 What are the physical and safety requirements for companion homes?** (1) A companion home must:

- (a) Be accessible to the client;
  - (b) Provide the client direct, unrestricted access to all common areas;
  - (c) Have adequate space for mobility aids, such as a wheelchair, walker, or lifting device;
  - (d) Have unblocked exits;
  - (e) Be maintained in a safe and healthy manner;
  - (f) Safely store flammable and combustible materials;
  - (g) Have a working smoke detector, located close to the client's bedroom, that meets the client's specialized needs, including any vision or hearing loss;
  - (h) Have a five-pound 2A:10B-C fire extinguisher;
  - (i) Have a first-aid kit;
  - (j) Provide the client access to a telephone;
  - (k) Provide the client access to a working flashlight or alternative light source;
  - (l) Display emergency contact information in a manner accessible to the client;
  - (m) Display an evacuation plan, which must be practiced monthly with the client; and
  - (n) Have a railing for any patio, deck, porch, or balcony that is more than twelve inches off the ground.
- (2) The companion home client must have a private bedroom with:
- (a) A door that locks from the inside, unless the client's person-centered service plan indicates that it is unsafe for the client to have a locking door; and
  - (b) An exit that does not rely solely on a window, ladder, folding stairs, or trap door.

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