

**RESIDENT'S RIGHTS
FOR
ADULT FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS**

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 9555.6255, upon admission to an adult foster care program, a license holder must give a resident and the resident's legal representative information about the resident's rights including:

- A. an explanation and copy of the resident's rights specified in Minnesota Rules, part 9555.6255, subparts 2 to 7;
- B. a written summary of the Vulnerable Adults Act prepared by the department; and
- C. 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.

Each resident has the right to use a telephone. A resident has the right to daily, private access to and use of a non-coin operated telephone for local calls. Long distance calls may also be made collect or paid for by the resident.

Each resident has the right to receive and send uncensored, unopened mail.

Each resident has the right to privacy. A resident has the right to personal privacy and privacy for visits from others, and the respect of individuality and cultural identity. Privacy must be respected by operators, caregivers, household members, and volunteers by knocking on the door of a resident's bedroom and seeking consent before entering, except in an emergency, and during toileting, bathing, and other activities of personal hygiene, except as needed for resident safety or assistance as noted in the resident's individual record.

Each resident has the right to use personal property. A resident has the right to keep and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe on the health, safety, or rights of other residents or household members.

Each resident has the right to associate. A resident has the right to meet with or refuse to meet with visitors and participate in activities of commercial, religious, political, and community groups without interference if the activities do not infringe on the rights of other residents or household members.

Married residents have the right to privacy. Including, privacy for visits by their spouses, and, if both spouses are residents of the adult foster home, they have the right to share a bedroom and bed.

I have received information regarding the Vulnerable Adults Act and my rights as an adult foster care resident. I understand that if I have any questions regarding the law or my rights, or if I wish to submit an oral or written complaint regarding my placement, I will contact my placement social worker.

Print resident's name

Resident's signature

Date

Print resident's legal rep's name

Legal representatives signature

Date

Print placement worker's name

Placement worker's signature

Date