

The Adult and Youth Group Homes Regulations

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Chapter H-13 Reg 1 (effective February 11, 1983) as amended
by Saskatchewan Regulations [130/2005](#) and [25/2011](#).

NOTE:

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CHAPTER H-13 REG 1

The Housing and Special-care Homes Act

TITLE

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1 These regulations may be cited as *The Adult and Youth Group Homes Regulations*.

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

Interpretation

2 In these regulations:

- (a) “**Act**” means *The Housing and Special-care Homes Act*;
- (b) “**approved home**” means any building, premises or place in respect of which there is a subsisting certificate issued pursuant to section 43 of *The Mental Health Act*;
- (c) “**boarding home**” means a building or structure or any part of a building or structure kept, used or advertised as or held out to be a place where sleeping accommodation is furnished to people as regular roomers for a period of one week or more, and which has sleeping accommodation for five or more roomers;
- (d) “**day care centre**” means a building or part of a building operated for the purpose of providing, at the request of parents, care for four or more children who do not reside on the premises and the provision of that care is not within the jurisdiction of any ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan other than the ministry over which the minister responsible for the administration of *The Saskatchewan Assistance Act* presides;
- (e) “**group home**” means a special-care home operated by the board of any organization incorporated under *The Non-profit Corporations Act* or *The Co-operative Associations Act*, but does not include an approved home, boarding home, day care centre or institution;
- (f) “**group home services**” means non-parental, supervisory, personal care and programming for youths and adults provided in a residential facility;
- (g) “**institution**” means a building or part of a building, other than a private dwelling or a correctional institution, and includes a home or a centre for 10 or more children set apart for their care, custody or treatment, a day care centre, a boarding school and the management of any such institution;
- (h) **Repealed.** 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/2011 s3.
- (h.1) “**ministry**” means the ministry over which the minister presides.

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- (i) **“operator”** means any representative of an organization incorporated under *The Non-profit Corporations Act* or *The Co-operative Associations Act* that has control or management of a group home;
- (j) **“program”** means a plan of treatment appropriate to the residents of the group home;
- (k) **“program branch”** means the administrative unit designated by the minister;
- (l) **“resident”** means a person who resides in a group home for the purpose of receiving group home services;
- (m) **“residential facility”** means a facility providing accommodation, meals and care;
- (n) **“youth”** means a person who is 16 or 17 years of age.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s2; 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/
2011 s3.

3 Repealed. 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/2011 s4.

4 Repealed. 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/2011 s5.

LICENCES

5 to 11 Repealed. 23 Dec 2005 SR 130/2005 s3.

STANDARDS FOR GROUP HOMES**Location**

12 Every group home shall be located in a residential section of the community and conveniently accessible to public transportation, parks, churches, shopping centres and other community resources.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s12.

Required designated areas in group home

13 The operator shall designate specific areas of the group home for informal living, dining, indoor recreation, sleeping, bathing, food preparation and storage.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s13.

Sleeping accommodation

14 Sleeping accommodation for residents shall meet the following conditions:

- (a) each bedroom shall have a window;
- (b) no basement shall be used for sleeping accommodation unless, in the opinion of the local fire and health departments, it constitutes no fire or health hazard;
- (c) each bedroom shall have a minimum of 6.5 square meters per resident or, where more than one resident is accommodated in the bedroom, 4.2 square meters per resident;
- (d) each resident shall have his own bed appropriate to his age, a clean mattress and bedding appropriate to weather conditions and climate;
- (e) not more than two residents shall be accommodated in one bedroom; and
- (f) no resident who has serious difficulty negotiating stairways shall be placed in a bedroom above or below the ground floor level of the group home.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s14.

Washing facilities

15 Every group home shall have at least:

- (a) one wash basin with hot and cold water and one flush toilet for every five residents or fraction thereof; and
- (b) one bath tub, or shower, with hot and cold water for every 10 residents or fraction thereof.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s15.

16 Repealed. 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/2011 s6.

Fire alarm system

17 An electric or battery operated fire alarm signal system shall be provided in the group home and shall be of the type approved by the Fire Commissioner.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s17.

Exits

18 All exit doors in group homes shall be equipped with hardware which does not require the use of a key to unlock the door from the inside.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s18.

DUTIES OF GROUP HOMES

Group homes funded by government

19 Every group home that is in receipt of or applying for funds from the provincial government shall:

- (a) keep complete records of and account for receipt of funding from all sources and expenditures for all purposes;
- (b) permit any authorized representative of the ministry, the ministry over which the minister responsible for the administration of *The Saskatchewan Assistance Act* presides, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Provincial Auditor or any other auditor appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as the case requires, to have access to the records described in clause (a) and any other documents that may be necessary for an accurate audit; and
- (c) at the request of the ministry over which the minister responsible for the administration of *The Saskatchewan Assistance Act* presides, deliver the records described in clause (a) and any other documents that may be necessary for an accurate audit to an authorized representative of the ministry, the ministry over which the minister responsible for the administration of *The Saskatchewan Assistance Act* presides, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Provincial Auditor or any other auditor appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as the case requires.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s19; 3 Jne 2011 SR 25/2011 s7.

20 Repealed. 23 Dec 2005 SR 130/2005 s4.

Quality of meals

21 The operator shall provide residents with nutritionally adequate meals as set out in the Canada Food Guide.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s21.

Personal records of residents

22 All personal records of any resident shall be kept in locked containers, and only persons authorized by the department responsible for the program in which the resident is participating shall have access to those records.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s22.

Medical treatment

23(1) With respect to the treatment of an injury to any resident, the group home staff may only provide emergency first aid.

(2) In all cases of serious illness or injury to any resident, the operator shall cause a physician to be called and the parent, guardian or next of kin of the resident shall be notified as soon as possible.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s23.

Medication

24(1) All medications and medical treatment shall be given to residents only on the order of a physician.

(2) All medications shall be kept in a lockable cabinet.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s24.

GENERAL**Inspection of group homes**

25 Every operator shall ensure that his group home is open at all reasonable times for inspection and examination by:

- (a) the minister or any person he may designate;
- (b) any public health official;
- (c) any representative of the Fire Commissioner; and
- (d) any representative of the program branch.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s25.

Notice of discontinuance of operation

26 Any operator of a group home who wishes to discontinue operation of the group home shall provide the minister with written notice three months prior to the effective date of the discontinuance of the operation.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s26.

Exemptions

27 Where the minister considers it to be in the best public interest, he may exempt any group home from compliance with any provision of these regulations.

18 Feb 83 cH-13 Reg 1 s27.

