

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities
And
Special Needs**

Respite Licensing Standards

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	RESPITE FACILITY	GUIDANCE
1.0	<p>Respite may be provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Licensed Respite Facility. B. Foster Home. C. Medicaid certified ICF/IID. D. Group Home. E. Community Residential Care Facility. F. Licensed Nursing Facility. <p>The license as specified above must be current at the time respite is provided. The licensed capacity cannot be exceeded.</p>	<p>Licensed Respite Facility: Settings licensed by SCDDSN as a Respite Facility; Foster Home licensed by SCDSS as a Foster Home or by SCDDSN as a Community Training Home I.</p> <p>ICF/IID that is licensed by SCDHEC and certified by SCDHEC as an ICF/IID Group Home licensed as a Community Training Home-II.</p> <p>Community Residential Care Facility licensed by SCDHEC.</p> <p>Hospital licensed by SCDHEC</p> <p>Nursing Home licensed by SCDHEC.</p>
1.1	<p>The home must be licensed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Prior to provision of respite services. B. Annually. C. After major home renovations. 	
1.2	<p>To be licensed as a Respite Facility, the setting must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Be in good working order. B. Be free from obvious hazards. C. Generally clean and free of undesirable odors. D. Have a system for heating and cooling. E. Have at least one (1) non-coin operated telephone. F. Have at least one toilet and lavatory with hot/cold running water for every six (6) people using the Respite Facility. 	<p>Equipment such as stove, refrigerator, furnace, and air conditioner in good working order.</p> <p>Obvious hazards such as pool without proper safety equipment, uncovered well, etc.</p>

	G. Have at least one shower (or bathtub) for every six (6) people using the Respite Facility if bathing is part of the routine of the service recipient during the hours of care.	
1.3	<p>If respite will be provided during sleeping hours, appropriate sleeping space must be provided:</p> <p>A. Maximum of two (2) individuals per bedroom with minimum of 36 inches between beds.</p> <p>B. Individuals who are six (6) years of age and older and are of opposite sex may not share bedrooms/sleeping space.</p> <p>C. Bedrooms/sleeping space may not be located in a detached building, unfinished attic or basement, stairway, hall or room commonly used for a purpose other than sleeping/bedroom.</p> <p>D. Each bedroom/sleeping space must have a window.</p> <p>E. Each bedroom/sleeping space must be at least 80 sq. feet or 120 sq. feet for double occupancy.</p>	
1.4	<p>If respite will be provided during sleeping hours, each recipient must be provided with their own:</p> <p>A. Bed and clean, comfortable mattress and pillow of proper size and height.</p> <p>B. Clean bedding appropriate to weather.</p> <p>C. Sufficient, accessible storage.</p>	
	PERSONAL RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS	GUIDANCE
2.0	All consumer information is kept confidential.	