



Washington State Patrol
Fire Protection Bureau
Phone: (360) 596-3900

Business Name Christopher House
Address 100 Cleveland
City, State, Zip Wenatchee, WA 98801

Provider Number 2067
Approval Status Approved
Facility Type Residential Care

On 04/18/2025 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
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1 Admin Complaint

COMPLAINT # 172281

Here's a complaint of oxygen fire and explosion

Please include the answers to the following questions in your report in FDM.

1. The cause of the fire?
Smoking within the facility.
2. If the sprinklers were activated?
Yes, Bedroom of room #208.
3. If there was an evacuation / how many were evacuated?
71 residents.
4. If there were injuries / how many?
One resident.
5. Did the fire department respond?
Yes, applied suppression and turned off utilities to the second floor.

An inspection was completed on March 25, 2025 at Christopher House located at 100 S. Cleveland Avenue in Wenatchee, Washington. Complaint #172281 was received regarding a fire explosion in resident room #208. An interview with the Executive Director and VP of Facilities was conducted on site.

On March 23, 2025 at approximately 1750 hours the fire alarm system activated and a swing shift staff member responded to the second floor per notification of the alarm system. On the second floor, the staff member stated black smoke was observed coming out from the bottom of the door to room #208. Upon opening the door the staff member called out to the resident, obtained a fire extinguisher, and discharged it into the resident room. The resident was then dragged to the top of the second floor stair hallway. Staff proceeded to close the door to room 208 and the second floor corridor fire door, and tended to the resident until fire department personnel arrived. The staff member then assisted in evacuating remaining occupants. The fire sprinkler located in the bedroom area was the only sprinkler head that activated during the fire.

The Executive Director stated that the resident was smoking a cigarette in her room and had caught the bedroom window curtains on fire. The curtains then proceeded to ignite the oxygen concentrator in use. Injuries sustained by the resident were burns from the ignition and explosion. There were no additional injuries to any residents, staff, or visitors.

The facility was evacuated within approximately ten minutes, with residents and staff gathering in the south alley. The fire department deemed the building unsafe to occupy until life safety systems were back in service. The fire sprinkler and alarm company arrived on site at approximately 2200 hours on the day of the incident for repairs.

All 71 displaced residents were relocated to the Manor House for meals, beverages, sleeping cots, and medication. Residents returned to the facility at approximately 1530 hours

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on March 24, 2025.	

2 Smoking General

The smoking or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other type of smoking paraphernalia or material is prohibited in the areas indicated in Sections 310.2 through 310.8.

(IFC 310.1 2015, 2018)

The following violation was observed:

Facility failed to prohibit smoking, vaping, or similar activities within twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, operable windows, and vents in room #208. (Corrected)

3 Compliance with "No Smoking" signs.

Smoking shall not be permitted nor shall a person smoke, throw or deposit any lighted or smoldering substance in any place where "No Smoking" signs are posted.

(IFC 310.5 2021)

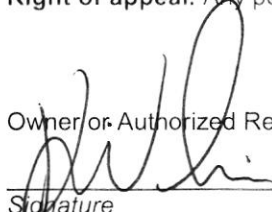
The following violation was observed:

In the exterior smoking areas, there were smoking materials disposed in two garbage cans, potted planters, and in the grated window well of the back door patio area. An updated smoking policy must be sent to our office for review. (Corrected)

Next inspection scheduled on or after:

Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative


Signature

Karina Valencia, Executive Director

Print Name and Title

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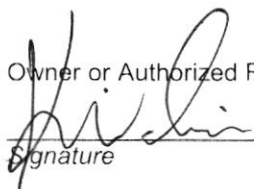
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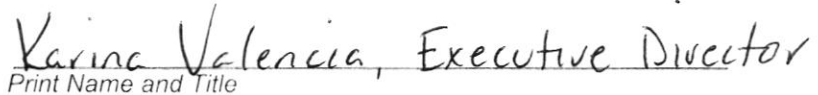
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