



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

Business Name Merrill Gardens at Auburn
Address 18 1 ST SE,
City, State, Zip Auburn, WA

Provider Number 2506
Approval Status Approved
Facility Type Residential Care

On 10/21/2025 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 # 197134

Here's a complaint of smoke detectors

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

1. The cause of the fire?
2. If the sprinklers were activated?
3. If there was an evacuation / how many were evacuated?
4. If there were injuries / how many?
5. Did the fire department respond? Yes, No

ON 10/21/2025, DSFM Van Gorkum entered Merrill Gardens at Auburn located at 18 1st St SE, Auburn, WA, 98002 investigate complaint ref # 197134.

What happened: On 10/3/2025 at 10:00 am, the front desk was notified through alarm system of smoke alarm in apartment [REDACTED]. She called over the radio and a caregiver responded immediately. The door was locked and the resident was not in the room. When the caregiver entered he noted that there was a case of zipfizz smoldering on the stove top. The case was in its original packaging of plastic and cardboard. The back left stove top burner was on and had caused the items to scorch. The caregiver called for additional assistance after pulling the items off the heat. The room was filled with smoke. Maintenance director opened windows and began pushing smoke out. RCD met with the resident in the dining room who stated that he never uses the stove top and has no recollection of turning it on. He stated it must have been an accident.

The smoke detector in the residents rooms activated sending a notifications to the nursing staff. No fire alarm was activated, fire department was not activated to respond.

No injuries were reports.

On 10/21/2025 at 2:00 pm the room was cleared and clean, with resident back in his home. The room showing no smoke related issues.

No IFC violations observed

This document was prepared by Residential Care Services for the Locator website.



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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

Jeremy Fowler Maintenance Director
Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Jason Van Gorkum
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Jason Van Gorkum Date: 2025.10.25 06:05:23
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