

55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide Update

ODP Announcement 23-020 Updated

AUDIENCE:

Licensees subject to 55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 (Relating to Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability)

PURPOSE:

To announce further formatting and content updates to 55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 *Regulatory Compliance Guide* released on February 15th, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

The Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide released on February 14th 2023 in announcement 23-020 was edited as noted below.

1. An opening narrative about compliance requirements was added at the beginning of the Individual Rights section. **And removed “Note: Each instance of an actual or alleged violation of an individual’s rights will be evaluated based on the circumstances specific to the situation. Inspection procedures will generally include reviewing providers’ records, staff interviews, discussions with individuals and families, and the review of documentation produced by a third party, e.g. medical**

records obtained from a hospital. As such, the “Inspection Procedures” portion of the guide is omitted from this section unless otherwise indicated.”

2. Added Regulation 6400.103 that describes proper evacuation procedures in the First Safety section.
3. Added language in 32(r) discussion section to read, “All individuals have the right to lock their bedroom doors. Bedroom doors must be equipped with locks even if the individual does not wish to lock their door, unless the individual has made an informed choice to not have a lock on their door in accordance with the “Informing and Encouraging Exercise of Rights” statement above.
4. Additional formatting edits.

An updated version of the Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide has been added to the [MyODP Licensing page](#) and the document is linked below.

CONTACT:

Questions about this announcement or about the RCG can be directed to ODP’s Regulatory Administration Unit at RA-PW6100REGADMIN@pa.gov.

LINKS:

- [Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide, March 15, 2023 Edition](#)
- [Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide – Record of Change](#)