

*Special Needs Housing* – A broad term that includes adult family homes, confidential shelters, emergency and transitional housing, extended care facilities, continuing care retirement communities, intermediate care facilities, residential chemical dependency treatment facilities, residential care facilities for youth, retirement homes, and staff residential homes.

Type	Description	Alternative Descriptions
Adult Family Homes	Family abode, licensed by the state of a person or persons who are providing assistance with Activities of Daily Living such as bathing, toileting, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility, transferring, and eating, as well as room and board to more than one but not more than six adults, 18 years or older, with functional disabilities who are not related by blood or marriage to the person or persons providing the service.	Elder Care Homes, Nursing Homes, Assisted Care Homes
Confidential Shelters	Shelters for victims of domestic violence, as defined and regulated in RCW 70.123 and WAC 248-554. Such facilities are characterized by a need for confidentiality.	Safe Shelters, Crisis Intervention, Outreach Shelters
Emergency and Transitional Housing	Establishments offering daily meal service and housing to persons who are in need of shelter. This classification does not include confidential shelters, or facilities licensed for residential care by the state of Washington.	Recovery Housing, Social Justice Housing, Hope Housing, Empowering Housing
Extended Care Facilities	Establishments providing 24-hour supervised nursing care for persons requiring regular medical attention, but excluding facilities providing surgical or emergency medical services. Such facilities are licensed by the state as nursing homes.	Nursing Homes
Continuing Care Retirement Communities	An age-restricted development that provides a continuum of accommodations and care, from independent living to long-term bed care. Due to the wide range of services provided, such facilities generally operate under multiple state-licensing programs.	Retirement Communities, Senior Communities, Senior Housing, Assisted Living
Intermediate Care Facilities	A facility that provides, on a regular basis, assistance with one or more Activities of Daily Living (“ADL”) such as bathing, toileting, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility, transferring, and eating, including persons with functional disabilities, needing health-related care and services, but who do not require the degree of care and treatment that a hospital or extended care facility provides. Such facility requires a state boarding home license. This use includes assisted living facilities,	ICF, Skilled Nursing Facility

	but does not include adult family homes, staffed residential homes, or residential care facilities for youth.	
Residential Chemical Dependency Treatment Facilities	A residential facility, licensed by the state, that provides chemical dependency treatment and includes room and board in a 24-hour a day supervised facility.	Sober House, Rehab, Dependency Facility,
Residential Care Facilities for Youth	A facility, licensed by the state, that provides 24-hour care for persons who are 18 years of age or younger, with or without functional disabilities, that has not been licensed by the state as a staffed residential home. Such facilities may, in addition to providing food and shelter, provide some combination of assistance with Activities of Daily Living (“ADL”), such as bathing, toileting, dressing, personal hygiene, mobility, transferring, and eating, and additional services such as social counseling and transportation. New housing solely or partially for juveniles who are committed to the physical custody of the Department of Social and Health Services under the Juvenile Justice Act of 1977 must be sited under Section 13.06.530, Juvenile Community Facilities.	Foster Home, Orphanage, Group Home, Children’s Home, Rehabilitation Center, Youth Treatment Center
Retirement Homes	A multiple-family dwelling, a complex of dwellings, an apartment hotel or a complex of apartment hotel and/or boarding houses operated primarily as a residence for retired persons. Depending on the level of care provided, such facilities may or may not require state licensing. Such an establishment may include the following accessory facilities for the exclusive use of its residents and their guests.	Assisted Living, Retirement Villages, Retirement Communities
Staffed Residential Homes	A home, licensed by the state, providing 24-hour care for six or fewer children or expectant mothers, 17 years or younger, with or without functional disabilities. The home employs staff to care for children and may or may not be a family residence. New housing solely or partially for juveniles who are committed to the physical custody of the Department of social and Health Services under the Juvenile Justice Act of 1977 must be cited under Section 13.06.530, Juvenile Community Facilities.	Residential Facility, Group Home