

410 IAC 16.2-3.1-9 Personal property

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Affected: IC 16-28-5-1

Sec. 9.

(a) The resident has the right to retain and use personal possessions, including some furnishings and appropriate clothing as space permits unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents.

(b) The facility shall exercise reasonable care for the protection of the resident's property from loss or theft.

(c) The administrator or the administrator's designee is responsible for investigating reports of lost or stolen residents' property.

(d) The facility will have written policies and procedures outlining the steps to be taken in the event an item is reported lost or stolen.

(e) The policies will include a mechanism to report the results of the investigation to the resident or his or her legal representative in the event the lost or stolen item is not recovered.

(f) If the resident's clothing is laundered by the facility, the facility shall identify the clothing in a suitable manner. The facility is only responsible for marking those items that are recorded on the resident's inventory sheet.

(g) The facility must inventory, upon admission and discharge, the personal effects, money, and valuables declared by the resident at the time of admission. It is the resident's responsibility to maintain and update the inventory listing of the resident's personal property.

(h) Facilities shall, in writing, annually remind residents, legal representatives, or family members or all, of the need to update inventory records.

(i) For purposes of IC 16-28-5-1, a breach of:

(1) subsection (b) is a deficiency; and

(2) subsection (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) is a noncompliance.

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