



## RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Please help us congratulate the following facilities that have received awards between August and December 2009:

### **GOLD AWARD - no citations!!!**

Cottonwood Shelter Home - Cottonwood

Generations Assisted Living & Wellness - Rathdrum

Hettinger Living Center - Boise

### **SILVER AWARD - 3 or fewer non-core citations!!!**

Ashley Manor, Cedar - Pocatello

Basil Celany Living Center - Boise

Willowbrook Assisted Living - Twin Falls

### **NEWLY LICENSED FACILITIES**

Friends and Family Living Center – Idaho Falls – 28 beds

The Bridge at Post Falls – Post Falls – 95 beds

Arrowrock Assisted Living – Meridian – 8 beds

## **QUALITY CORNER**

### **● CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

- New employees must either have a department criminal history check that was completed within the past three years, plus a new, state police background check or a new, department criminal history check.
- While an employee is in the process of obtaining a criminal history check, the employee cannot work unsupervised until a clearance is obtained.
- When a facility goes through a change of ownership, all employees are considered new employees. The same standard as for new employees now applies: If their department criminal history check is less than three years old, then the new employer will need to complete a state police background check. If the

department criminal history check is more than three years old, then the new employer will need to require a new department criminal history check be completed.

- All employees who have contact with residents (such as: housekeepers, nurses, outside service providers, office staff, maintenance personnel, and dietary staff), must have a criminal history check completed.

**For more information, please visit the Department's criminal history web site at**

<http://www.chu.dhw.idaho.gov>

## ● HOT WATER TEMPERATURES

- The facility hot water temperatures must be maintained between 105° and 120° Fahrenheit. These temperature guidelines are in place to protect your residents from scalding injuries.
- The elderly have thinner skin layers and therefore can receive a deep burn, even with brief exposure to hot water. Chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, can reduce a person's sensitivity to heat, making it more likely for that person to receive a burn before realizing the water is too hot.
- Also, be aware that residents who have physical or cognitive challenges are at high risk for all types of burn injuries, including scald injuries.

<b>Water temperature</b>	<b>Time for a third degree burn to occur</b>
155°F	1 second
148°F	2 seconds
140°F	5 seconds
133°F	15 seconds
127°F	1 minute
124°F	3 minutes
120°F	5 minutes
100°F	safe temperature for bathing

For the most current, up-to-date information, please visit our Web site at

[www.assistedliving.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.assistedliving.dhw.idaho.gov).

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