



# Personal Care Home Finders

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## Assisted Living Facilities Types and Personal Care Homes Explained

Assisted Living Facilities are required to be licensed. The common licensure types are "A" or "B," as determined by the **Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**. DADS also determines whether a home is deemed large or small, according to the number of residents they are permitted to have at any one time.

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### **Type A**

In a **Type "A"** facility a resident must be physically and mentally capable of evacuating the facility unassisted. This may include mobile non-ambulatory persons such as those who are in wheelchairs or electric carts and have the capacity to transfer and evacuate themselves in an emergency. This resident does not require routine attendance during nighttime sleeping hours and must be capable of following directions under emergency conditions.

### **Type B**

In a **Type "B"** facility a resident may require staff assistance to evacuate and may be incapable of following directions under emergency conditions. They may require attendance during nighttime sleeping hours. The resident may not be permanently bedfast, but may require assistance in transferring to and from a wheelchair.

### **Small/Large Facility**

A **small facility** is defined as those with **16** residents or less while **large facilities** are defined as those with **17** residents or more.

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### **Personal Care Home**

A Personal Care Home (also referred to as **3 and Under**) is not required to be licensed by DADS, but in turn can only care for **3 residents or less** that are not related to the owner. They provide all of the same services as the licensed homes. Additionally, they are allowed to have a combination of residents that can and can't follow directions in the event of an evacuation emergency, because they have a maximum of three residents.