

What do healthcare facilities need to report to the Department of Health?

1. Adverse Events

A medical facility (hospital, ambulatory surgery center, etc.) must report to the department within 48 hours certain serious adverse events categories as adopted by the National Quality Forum.

- Refer to [WAC 246-320-146](#) and [RCW 70.56.020](#) for specific regulatory language.
- [Adverse events list](#).
- [Report an adverse event](#) to the department.

2. Unprofessional Conduct

A medical facility (hospital, ambulatory surgery center, etc.) must report to the department when the hospital restricts the privileges of a practitioner based on professional misconduct, substandard practice or because of a mental or physical condition.

- Refer to [RCW 70.41.210](#) and [WAC 246-16-245](#) for the specific regulatory language.
- The misconduct must amount to a violation of the Uniform Disciplinary Act ([RCW 18.130](#)).
- [File a complaint](#) to the department regarding a healthcare practitioner's termination or restriction.

3. Reportable Operational or Maintenance Events

Hospitals must report to the department within 48 hours certain serious events affecting the operation and maintenance of the facility.

- Refer to [WAC 246-320-151](#) for specific regulatory language.
- [Report an operational or maintenance event](#) to the department through the Health Systems Quality Assurance complaint intake process. This ensures the information is documented and routed to the appropriate entities to respond.

4. Notifiable Conditions

Certain communicable diseases or conditions of public health importance, once discovered at a facility, must be reported to the department.

- Refer to [WAC 246-320-176](#), [246-100 WAC](#), [RCW 70.41.430](#), [RCW 43.70.056](#) for specific rules and regulations.
- [Report a notifiable condition](#) and see a list of notifiable conditions.
- Notifiable conditions should be reported to your [local health agency](#). In the event that your local health agency is not available, [report a notifiable condition](#) with the department.

Other Administrative Matters to Report

5. Accreditation Decision

Any accreditation decision or any changes in accreditation status must be reported to the department within 30 calendar days.

- Refer to [RCW 70.41.122](#) and [WAC 246-320-111](#) for specific regulatory language.
- [Report these accreditation decisions in email to Crissa Hanson](#), Facilities Review Team member.

6. Changes to Certain Policies

Hospitals must submit to the department certain policies and report any changes or additions to these policies. They include policies regarding admission, nondiscrimination, reproductive health, end of life and charity care.

- Refer to [WAC 246-320-141](#), [RCW 70.170.060](#) and [WAC 246-453-070](#) for specific regulatory language.
- Report hospital policy changes to HospitalPolicies@DOH.WA.GOV.
- Report charity care policy changes to charitycare@doh.wa.gov.