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**33-28-01-01. Governing authority.**

Adult abuse programs receiving domestic violence prevention fund moneys shall operate in accordance with North Dakota Century Code chapter 14-07.1.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.

**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-02. Effect of rules.**

All rules adopted by the health council under the powers granted by any provisions of the North Dakota Century Code shall be binding upon all adult abuse programs receiving grants from the North Dakota domestic violence prevention fund, and shall have the force and effect of law.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.

**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-03. Definitions.**

1. "Emergency safe housing" means any form of short-term housing other than a safe home or shelter provided to a victim of adult abuse.
2. "Safe home" means a private volunteer home which has agreed to provide shelter to an abused adult and the adult's children for one to three days. The police may make regular patrols of the homes at the discretion of the individual programs.
3. "Shelter" means a permanent shelter facility run by the program, making housing and food available to the abused adult and the adult's children twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Generally the length of stay in a shelter is longer than in a safe home; staying approximately five to ten days.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-04. Shelter facility management.**

In order to receive moneys from the domestic violence prevention fund, a spouse abuse program maintaining a shelter must meet these requirements:

1. The shelter shall provide twenty-four-hour supervision when clients are residing in the shelter.
2. The shelter shall develop and implement evacuation plans for fire and tornado disasters.
3. The shelter shall maintain an effective security system.
4. The shelter shall maintain fire safety standards of the state.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-05. Safe home system.**

In order to receive moneys from the domestic violence prevention fund, a spouse abuse program maintaining a safe home system must meet these requirements:

1. The program shall develop and implement a safe home recruitment procedure which involves a screening process and home interview.
2. The program shall provide a formal or informal support system for safe home providers, e.g., volunteer liaison, periodic meetings, etc.
3. The program shall provide at least three hours of orientation before beginning service as a safe home.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-06. Emergency safe housing.**

In order to receive moneys from the domestic violence prevention fund, a spouse abuse program maintaining emergency safe housing must meet these requirements:

1. The program must notify the management of an emergency safe housing system prior to utilization of that system as a housing for any abused adult.
2. The program must ensure that immediate access to program staff is available from the emergency safe housing facility.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-07. Twenty-four-hour service.**

All programs must have access to twenty-four-hour crisis lines by which project personnel may be reached.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-08. Training of volunteer staff advocates.**

Programs must provide a minimum of twelve hours of preservice training to volunteer staff advocates. Training must include:

1. Initial orientation.
2. On-the-job training and supervision.
3. An evaluation process.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-09. Staff evaluation.**

Programs must utilize a staff performance evaluation for both paid and volunteer staff.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-10. Nondiscrimination.**

Shelter facilities and all other shelter programs must implement a policy of racial nondiscrimination.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-11. Advocacy, information, or referral.**

Programs must provide advocacy with, information about, or referral to the following:

1. Court system.
2. Legal counsel.
3. Medical community.
4. Social service financial assistance programs.
5. Social service support services.
6. Community self-help groups.
7. Mental health professionals.
8. Law enforcement agencies.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.  
**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16  
**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-12. Data collection.**

Programs shall comply with the requirements of the division of maternal and child health, state department of health, in providing statistical data.

**History:** Effective May 1, 1984.

**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-13. Records and reporting.**

Programs shall agree to keep records relating to the disbursement of domestic violence prevention funds in a manner acceptable to the state department of health, and submit periodic fiscal and program reports, as required by the department.

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**General Authority:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 14-07.1-16

**33-28-01-14. Local support.**

Programs must be able to demonstrate significant, active community support of and involvement in the program by providing a twenty-five percent match for grants (in cash or in kind) from local sources.

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