

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 17: Residential Licensing Section 05: Waivers and Variances	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

A waiver or variance for a residential facility's license must not put the health, safety, or well-being of children at risk.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) can approve a waiver or variance for a residential facility's license, upon request.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-27-2-8: Granting of variances and waivers](#)
- [465 IAC 2-9-31: "Variance" defined](#)
- [465 IAC 2-9-32: "Waiver" defined](#)
- [465 IAC 2-9-35: Waivers and variances](#) (Children's Homes and Child Care Institutions [CCIs])
- [465 IAC 2-10-35: Waivers and variances](#) (Emergency Shelter Care Children's Homes and CCIs)
- [465 IAC 2-11-35: Waivers and variances](#) (Private Secure Facilities)
- [465 IAC 2-12-35: Waivers and variances](#) (Children's Homes and CCIs Defined as Group Homes)
- [465 IAC 2-13-35 Waivers and variances](#) (Children's Homes and CCIs Defined as Emergency Shelter Care Group Homes)