

**WAC 246-930-301 Purpose—Professional standards and ethics.** (1)

Sex offender treatment providers are also credentialed health professionals, and are subject to the standards of practice of their primary field of practice. However, standards of practice vary from profession to profession, and sex offender evaluation and treatment represents significant differences in practice from general mental health interventions.

(2) The standards set forth in WAC 246-930-301 through 246-930-340 apply to all sex offender treatment providers.

(3) Standards of practice specific to this area of specialization are necessary due to the unique characteristics of this area of practice, the degree of control that a provider exercises over the lives of clients, and the community protection issues inherent in this work.

(4) The mandatory reporting standards set forth in chapter 246-16 WAC apply to all sex offender treatment providers.

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