

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on June 10, 2026, the Snohomish County Council approved Ordinance 26-016, which will become effective on July 5, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-016

RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND
CREATING A NEW CHAPTER IN TITLE 10 OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE

Summary: The Ordinance adds a new section to Snohomish County Code, Chapter 10.50 – Endangerment with a Controlled Substance. Under the new code section, it would make it a gross misdemeanor for someone to knowingly or recklessly permit a child or dependent person to ingest, inhale, or have contact with a controlled substance unless it is in line with a prescription issued to the child or dependent person. This does not apply to cannabis or to the four drugs already criminalized for this type of offense under RCW 9A.42.100. If convicted, a person would face up to 364 days in prison, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both.

For More Information: Copies of the ordinance and related documents are available upon request by calling the Council Office at (425) 388-3494, TTY/TDD Relay 711, 1(800) 562-4367 x3494, or by e-mailing Contact.Council@snoco.org. Files are also available on the Council's website at <https://snohomish.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx> (File # 2026-1079).

Dated this 26th day of June, 2026.



Deputy Clerk of the Council

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