Dining/Lounge Area Dining, dayrooms, and resident activity areas.

(1) The nursing home must provide one or more rooms designated for resident dining and activities that are:
(a) Well lighted;
(b) Well ventilated;
(c) Adequately furnished; and
(d) Large enough to accommodate all activities.

Food service areas.

The nursing home must ensure food service areas are in compliance with chapter 246-215 WAC, state board of health rules governing food service sanitation. The nursing home must:

(1) Ensure food service areas are provided for the purpose of preparing, serving, and storing food and drink unless food service is provided from another licensed food service facility;

(2) Ensure food service areas are located to facilitate receiving of food supplies, disposal of kitchen waste, and transportation of food to dining and resident care areas;

(3) Locate and arrange the kitchen to avoid contamination of food, to prevent heat and noise entering resident care areas, and to prevent through traffic;

(4) Locate the receiving area for ready access to storage and refrigeration areas;

(5) Conveniently locate a handwashing sink near the food preparation and dishwashing area, and include a waste receptacle and dispensers stocked with soap and paper towels;

(6) Adequately ventilate, light, and equip the dishwashing room or area for sanitary processing of dishes;

(7) Locate the garbage storage area in a well-ventilated room or an outside area;

(8) Provide hot and cold water and a floor drain connected to the sanitary sewage system in a can wash area, unless located in outside covered area;

(9) Provide space for an office or a desk and files for food service management located central to deliveries and kitchen operations; and

(10) Include housekeeping facilities or a janitor's closet for the exclusive use of food service with a service sink and storage of housekeeping equipment and supplies.

Storage of equipment.
New Construction of Dining/Lounge Area

(2) In a new building or addition, the nursing home must design space for dining rooms, dayrooms, and activity areas for resident convenience and comfort and to provide a homelike environment. These areas must be located on the same floor as the residents who will use the areas. The nursing home must:
(a) Ensure these rooms or areas are exterior rooms with windows that have a maximum sill height of thirty-six inches;
(b) Provide space for dining, day use, and activities with a minimum combined total of thirty square feet for each licensed bed;
(c) Design any multipurpose rooms to prevent program interference with each other;
(d) Locate a day room on each resident care unit;
(e) Provide storage spaces for all activity and recreational equipment and supplies, adjoining or adjacent to the facilities provided; and
(f) Locate a common use toilet facility, with handwashing sink and accessories, providing direct access from the hallway and within a maximum of forty feet from these spaces.

Summary: New Construction; Windows; Square Feet per Bed; Storage Space; Toilet Facility; Handwashing; Equipment