

COLORADO

Part 20. HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

20.1 ORGANIZATION. Each facility shall establish an organized housekeeping service that keeps the facility clean and orderly and free from odor resulting from poor housekeeping practices.

20.1.1 The facility shall provide a sufficient number of housekeeping personnel and adequate equipment.

20.1.2 Deodorizers shall not be used to cover up odors caused by unsanitary conditions, poor nursing care, or housekeeping practices.

20.2 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. Suitable equipment and supplies shall be provided for cleaning of all surfaces. Such equipment shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary condition.

20.3 DISINFECTANTS. Disinfectants shall be only those registered by the manufacturer with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and shall be stored in a manner approved by the Department.

20.4 STORAGE, Storage areas, attics, and cellars shall be kept safe and free from accumulations of extraneous materials such as refuse, discarded furniture, and old newspapers.

20.4.1 Combustibles such as cleaning rags and compounds shall be kept in closed metal containers.

20.4.2 Cleaning compounds and other hazardous substances (including products labeled "Keep out of reach of children" on their original containers) shall be clearly labeled to indicate contents and (except when a staff member is present) shall be stored in a location sufficiently secure to deny access to confused residents. Janitors' rooms used for storing disinfectants and detergent concentrates, caustic bowl and tile cleaners, and insecticides shall be locked.

20.4.3 Paper towels, tissues, and other absorbent paper goods shall be stored in a manner that prevents their contamination prior to use.

20.5 CLEANING METHODS. Cleaning shall be performed in a manner to minimize the spread of pathogenic organisms. Floors shall be cleaned regularly.

20.6 FLOOR SURFACES. Uncarpeted floors and adjacent base coving shall be maintained to provide a smooth, continuous, washable surface that is free of discoloration or staining. Polishes applied to uncarpeted floors shall provide a nonslip surface; throw or scatter rugs shall not be used except for nonslip entrance mats.

20.7 HANDWASHING. All personnel shall wash their hands thoroughly after handling waste products.

20.8 TRAINING AND SUPERVISION. Housekeeping personnel shall receive adequate supervision. Frequent in-service training programs shall be provided for housekeeping personnel.

20.9 POISON CONTROL. The facility shall maintain at each nurses' station a current list of potentially hazardous substances in regular use by housekeeping and other staff and the name, manufacturer, EPA registration number, notation of where used and by whom, where stored, cautionary information, antidote if any, and phone number of the poison control center.