

- (e) Kitchens, bathrooms, utility rooms, janitor closets, and soiled linen rooms shall be ventilated.
  - (9) Elevators: At least one elevator shall be provided in the facility if resident beds or activities are located on more than one floor. The platform size of the elevator shall be large enough to hold a resident bed as and attendant.
  - (10) Electrical:
    - (a) In all facilities, non-conductive wall plates shall be provided where the system is not properly grounded.
    - (b) In new construction begun after the effective date of these regulations, at least two (2) duplex-type outlets shall be provided for each bed.
- [7-1-60, 7-1-64, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.71 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.71, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.72 RESIDENTS' ROOMS:**

- A. ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENTS:** Residents co-habiting a double occupancy room or a ward shall be of the same sex unless residents are married, related, or are consenting adults.
  - B. LOCATION:** No bedroom housing or resident shall:
    - (1) Open directly to a kitchen or laundry.
    - (2) Be located so that a person must pass through a resident's bedroom, toilet room, or bathroom to gain access to any other part of the facility.
    - (3) Be located so that a person must pass through a kitchen or laundry to gain access to the resident's room or other part of the facility.
  - C. ACCESS TO CORRIDOR AND OUTSIDE:** Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the floor at or above grade level.
  - D. SIZE:**
    - (1) The minimum floor area per bed shall be one hundred (100) square feet in single rooms and eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms, exclusive of vestibule, closets, built-in vanity and wardrobe, toilet rooms and built-in lockers. The department may waive this requirement in individual cases where the facility has demonstrated in writing that such variations are in accordance with the particular needs of the residents and will not adversely affect their health and safety.
    - (2) Resident rooms shall be large enough to permit the sides and feet of all beds to be not less than two (2) feet from the nearest walls.
    - (3) Ceilings shall be at least eight (8) feet in height.
  - E. WINDOWS:** The bottom sill of windows in bedrooms shall be no more than three (3) feet from the floor.
  - F. BED CAPACITY:** No rooms shall house more than four (4) beds.
  - G. BED ARRANGEMENTS:** The beds shall be arranged so that the beds shall be at least three (3) feet apart and clear aisle space of at least three (3) feet from the entrance to the room to each bed shall be provided.
  - H. CLOSET SPACE:** A closet or locker shall be provided for each resident in each bedroom. Closets or lockers shall afford a space of not less than fifteen (15) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches deep by five (5) feet in height for each resident bed.
  - I. CUBICLE CURTAINS:** Each bed in a multiple-bed room shall have a flame retardant or flameproof cubicle curtain or an equivalent divider that will assure resident privacy.
  - J. ROOM IDENTIFICATION:** Each bedroom shall be identified with a unique number placed on or near the door.
  - K. DESIGN AND PROXIMITY TO BATHS:** Residents' bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care and the comfort and privacy of residents. Each bedroom shall have or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities.
- [7-1-60, 7-1-64, 5-2-89; 7.9.2.72 NMAC – Rn, 7 NMAC 9.2.72, 8-31-00]

**7.9.2.73 TOILET AND BATHING FACILITIES:**

- A. GENERAL:** All lavatories required by this subsection shall have hot and cold running water.