

3701-17-21 Dining and recreation rooms; utility rooms; toilet rooms.

- (A) Every building occupied as a nursing home on December 22, 1964 shall have not less than one room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation by the residents. Such room or area shall be so located and of such size as to meet the needs of the residents and shall not be used for adult day care participants unless the home meets the square footage requirements of paragraph (B) of this rule.
- (B) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after December 22, 1964, and before the effective date of paragraph (C) of this rule, shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation. The dining and recreation room or area shall have a minimum total area of:
- (1) Twenty-five square feet per resident for seventy-five per cent of the total number of residents; and
 - (2) If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining and recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for seventy-five per cent of the total number of participants.
- (C) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after the two hundred and seventieth day subsequent to the effective date of this rule shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for dining purposes and a separate room or suitable area which shall be used for recreational purposes. Each room or area shall have a minimum total area of:
- (1) Twenty-five square feet per resident for the total number of residents; and
 - (2) If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining or recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for the total number of participants.
- A nursing home may use the dining room or area for recreational purposes when the room or area is not being used for dining.
- (D) Every nursing home shall employ methods and have adequate facilities and supplies for clean and soiled laundry in accordance with prevailing infection control practices.
- (E) Where toilet rooms are not available in connection with each room occupied for sleeping purposes, there shall be not less than one toilet room readily accessible from public spaces in each occupied story.
- (F) Where there are more than four persons of one sex to be accommodated in one toilet room on a floor, a toilet room shall be provided on that floor for that sex.
- (G) Except as provided in paragraphs (E) and (F) of this rule, toilet rooms shall conform to the Ohio building code.
- (H) Toilet rooms and all the facilities therein shall, at all times, be kept in good repair, in a clean and sanitary condition, free from filth and accumulation of waste, and shall be provided with a supply of toilet tissue. Each hand washing basin shall be provided with

a soap dispenser. Toilet rooms shall be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident.

- (I) Grab rails and other safety devices such as non-slip surfaces shall be provided and maintained in good repair.
- (J) In every building or addition to a building constructed or converted to use as a nursing home after the effective date of this rule, there shall be one toilet room directly accessible from and exclusively for each resident sleeping room except the hand washing basin may be located in either the toilet room or the sleeping room.

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