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12VAC5-371-470. Resident rooms.

A. Minimum room areas exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, alcoves, vestibules, door swings, heating units, columns or other projections shall be 100 square feet in single-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multi-bed rooms. In multi-bed rooms, a clearance of 3 feet 8 inches shall be available at the foot of each bed to permit the passage of beds.

B. No more than four residents shall share a bedroom.

C. Visual privacy shall be provided for each resident in multi-bed rooms.

D. Multi-bed rooms shall be designed to permit no more than two beds side by side parallel to the window wall.

E. Each room shall be provided with natural light as a primary source of light. Windows shall be operable from the inside, without the use of special tools.

Window sills in resident rooms shall be above grade level and shall not be higher than three feet above the floor.

F. One handwashing lavatory shall be provided in each resident room except that it may be omitted from a single-bed room or a two-bed room, if a lavatory is located in an adjoining toilet room which serves that room only.

G. For each resident, the room shall contain:

1. A bed;
2. At least one pillow;
3. An enclosed bedside cabinet, with a drawer, hard surface and washable top;
4. A wardrobe, locker, or closet that is suitable for hanging full length garments and for storing personal effects; and
5. A bedside chair or geriatric chair.

Statutory Authority

§§[32.1-12](#) and [32.1-127](#) of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

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