Dining/Lounge Area

3234.7 The facility shall provide one (1) or more rooms designated for resident social, recreational, and dining activities which shall be:

(a) Easily accessible from each resident's bedroom;
(b) Well ventilated with designated smoking areas identified;
(c) Adequately furnished; and
(d) Have sufficient space to accommodate all activities.

3249. RESIDENT RECREATION AND SOCIAL AREAS

3249.1 Each nursing unit shall have, on the same floor as the unit, social recreation spaces in the amount of twenty (20) square feet per the average number of residents in the unit.

3249.2 Sound-insulated flexible partitions may be used to divide larger spaces.

3249.3 Each social area may also be used for small group dining, if there exists other social space sufficient to accommodate the average number of residents who may wish to occupy it at any one time.

3249.4 Each social area shall contain at least one (1) window providing natural light.

3249.5 Whenever possible, each social area shall be located along walls that receive at least two (2) hours of direct sunlight a day.

3249.6 Each social area shall be attractively furnished and attractively decorated.

3249.7 Each social area may contain plants and pets of suitable temperament.

3249.8 Furniture shall be arranged to facilitate small group conversation.

3249.9 A refreshment station shall be located near or adjacent to each social area.

3249.10 At least one (1) social area on each nursing unit shall be designated for quiet privacy and may be utilized by each resident and his or her visitor.

3249.11 Each facility shall provide at least one (1) room large enough to accommodate residents and staff for special events.

3249.12 The dining area may be used for social purposes when it can be shown that use of the room can be accommodated without interference with the facility’s food services.

3249.13 For each newly constructed facility and those where there has been a change in the configuration of facility space, the social area shall be large enough for more than ten (10) residents.
3249.14 The facility shall make accessible to residents a semiprivate space where a telephone can be used.

3249.15 At least one (1) telephone equipped with an amplifier shall be available to residents.

**3250. FOOD SERVICE AREAS**

3250.1 Each food service area shall be planned, equipped, and operated in accordance with Title 23 DCMR, Chapters 22, 23 and 24, and with all other applicable District laws and regulations.

3250.2 Each facility shall have a kitchen area adequate to meet its food service needs.

3250.3 Each kitchen area shall be well ventilated and maintained at a comfortable temperature to protect the health and safety of employees.

3250.4 When food is prepared on the premises, each kitchen area shall be arranged and equipped for the refrigeration, storage, preparation and serving of food, as well as for dish washing, utensil washing, and refuse storage and removal.

3250.5 Each food preparation area shall be arranged for the separation of each function and shall be located to permit efficient service to the residents.

3250.6 A hand washing facility with single service towels shall be provided for kitchen employees in the areas where food is handled and in each separate area of the food operation.

3250.7 No food preparation area shall be used for non-dietary functions.

3250.8 A well-lighted, well-ventilated area shall be provided in the facility for any resident who is able to eat outside his or her room.

3250.9 At least twelve (12) square feet of floor area shall be provided for each resident who uses the dining room.

3250.10 Provisions shall be made for group dining.

3250.11 When residents are unable to go to the central dining room, a convenient area close to their living quarters shall be designed for group dining.

3250.12 Each dining area shall have windows and shall be pleasantly furnished and decorated in a home-like style.

3250.13 Special tables and extra square footage shall be provided in the dining area for wheelchair seating as needed.

3250.14 The facility shall furnish separate locker room or similar space for male and female food service employees in an area near the food service department.

**New Construction of Dining/Lounge Area**
Summary: Resident Recreation; Furnishings and Decoration; Accessibility; Visiting Space; Square Feet per Resident; Partitions; Special Event Space; Food Service Employee Locker Rooms; Hand-Washing