Resident Bedroom

3234.10 Every habitable room shall contain windows of size, area, and specifications in accordance with the 1996 BOCA National Building Code.

3234.11 In habitable rooms, windows shall be of openable type, with sills no higher than three (3) feet above the floor.

3246. RESIDENT BEDROOMS

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3246.1 Each resident bedroom shall be designed and equipped for providing adequate nursing care, comfort, and privacy of residents.

3246.2 Each bedroom shall provide a personal, home-like atmosphere which includes the use of an eye-level mirror, and other personal belongings.

3246.3 Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and at least one (1) window to the outside.

3246.4 No resident bedroom shall be located on a floor that is below grade level.

3246.5 If the room is not for single occupancy, each bed shall have flameproof ceiling suspended curtains which extend around each bed in order to provide the resident total visual privacy, in combination with adjacent walls and curtains.

3246.6 Each bedroom shall be equipped for each resident with the following minimum items:
(a) A separate bed of proper size and height for the convenience of the resident and appropriate to the resident's physical condition;
(b) A clean, comfortable mattress;
(c) Bedding appropriate to the weather and climate;
(d) Functional furniture appropriate to the resident's needs and individual closet space with clothes racks and shelves accessible to the resident;
(e) A call system meeting the requirements of section 3245.10;
(f) A bedside table or cabinet with some lockable storage space; and
(g) One (1) chair.

3246.7 One (1) or more bedrooms shall be designated, when needed, as isolation facilities for any resident who has an infectious or contagious disease.

3246.8 Each resident room shall be ventilated and shall have separate, adjacent toilet and bathing facilities.

3246.10 At least three (3) feet of space shall be maintained between a resident’s bed and the next bed, between a resident’s bed and the door and between the foot of a resident’s bed and the wall.

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3246.11 Each multiple-occupancy room shall provide no less than eighty (80) square feet per resident, exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, wardrobes, and vestibules.

3246.12 Each single-occupancy room shall provide no less than one-hundred (100) square feet per resident, exclusive of closets, wardrobes, toilet rooms, and vestibules.

3246.13 Each resident bedroom shall be designated by distinct letters or numbers on the door or the wall beside the door.

Toilet Area

3247. RESIDENT TOILETS AND BATHROOM

3247.1 A toilet room shall be directly accessible from each resident's room and from each central bathing area without going through the general corridor.

3247.2 One (1) toilet room may serve two (2) resident rooms, but not more than four (4) beds.

3247.3 The sink may be omitted from the toilet room if a sink is provided in the room of the resident served by the toilet room.

3247.4 Each sink shall be installed with a proper trap in order to prevent its drain from clogging.

3247.5 Grab bars shall be installed in each toilet and bathing compartment.

3247.6 Each toilet and bathroom shall be equipped with sturdily mounted handrails in order to provide adequate assistance to each resident.

3247.7 Each bathtub shall be safe for use by residents.

3247.8 Door hardware on each toilet stall shall be of the type that shall operate both from the inside and outside.

3247.9 Connection to the nurses call system shall be provided in each toilet, tub, and shower stall and in each toilet room or wash room that is used by a resident.

3247.11 Each toilet, shower, or tub shall be installed in a separate stall or room.

3247.12 No less than one (1) one bath tub or shower shall be provided for every twenty (20) residents not otherwise served by bathing facilities Title 22 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in resident rooms.

3247.13 When multiple toilets are installed in the same room, sinks shall be provided in the ratio of at least one (1) for every three (3) toilets or urinals.

3247.14 In multiple installations, urinals may be substituted for toilets in male bathrooms in compliance with the 1995 BOCA International Plumbing Code.

3247.15 No resident toilet or bathing unit shall be used by staff.

3247.16 There shall be adequate clearance space at the front and each of the sides of the toilet, as well as adequate room for other fixtures and equipment, as needed.
3247.17 In common living or dining areas on floors where no residents live, at least one (1) toilet and one (1) sink shall be provided for each sex, for every fifty (50) residents. These toilets shall be located adjacent to the common areas.

3247.18 Rooms shall not be arranged in the facility so that the sole entrance or exit from any bedroom or bathroom is by way of any other bedroom, bathroom, or foodhandling area.

**New Construction: Room and Bath** 3246.9 Each new facility and each facility proposing renovation that involves reconfiguration of resident rooms shall be designed so that each resident bedroom shall have no more than two (2) occupants.

3246.14 In each new facility telephone jacks shall be installed in each resident room.

**Summary:** Eye-Level Mirror; Minimum Furniture Specified; Window Height; Room Location; Privacy Curtains; Home-Like Atmosphere; Square Footage; Telephone Jacks (New Construction); Toilet Facilities per Resident