Resident Bedroom

61.3(8) No room in a basement shall be occupied for living purposes unless the room meets all the requirements of the department and is approved by the department as fit for human habitation. (III)

61.4(4) Minimum width doors to all rooms which need access for beds or stretchers shall be at least 3 feet 8 inches. Doors to resident toilet rooms and other rooms which need access for wheelchairs shall have a minimum clear opening width of at least 32 inches. (III)

61.5(7) Resident rooms shall meet at least the following requirements:
   a. Bedrooms shall open directly into a corridor or common living area and shall not be used as a thoroughfare. (III)
   b. The minimum room area, exclusive of closets, toilet rooms, lockers, wardrobes, vestibules, and corridor door swings shall be at least 100 square feet in one-bed rooms and 80 square feet per bed in multibed rooms. Usable floor space shall be no less than 8 feet in any direction. All resident rooms shall be designed with a minimum of 3 feet of space between beds, lateral walls or room furnishings. (III) (Exception 4)
   c. Each resident room shall be provided with light and ventilation by means of a window or windows with a minimal net glass area equal to at least 10 percent of the total floor area. The windows shall open without the use of tools. Provisions for locking windows must be approved by the state fire marshal. The window sill shall not be higher than 3 feet above the floor. (III)
   d. There shall be a wardrobe or closet in each resident’s room. The minimum clear dimensions shall be 1 foot 10 inches deep by 2 feet 6 inches wide of clear hanging space for each resident. A clothes rod and shelf shall be provided. See subrule 61.7(9). (III) (Exception 2)
   e. In a shared closet, segregated portions shall be established. Each wardrobe and closet in each resident room shall have a door. (III) (Exception 4)
   f. No bedroom shall have the floor on the window wall more than 2 feet 6 inches below the adjacent grade level. (III)
   g. Fixtures or storage shall be provided to hold individual towels and washcloths. (III)
   h. No part of any room shall be enclosed, subdivided or partitioned unless that part is separately lighted and ventilated and meets such other requirements dictated by usage and occupancy. Closets used for the storage of resident’s clothing are excepted. (III)
   i. Each resident bedroom shall have a door. The door shall be the swing type and shall swing in, unless fully recessed. (III)
   j. Resident rooms shall be designed to permit no more than two beds. (III) (Exception 4)
   k. Each resident bedroom shall be designed so the head of the bed is not in front of a window, heat register, or radiator. (III)
   m. Full visual privacy for each resident shall be provided in multibed rooms. Portable screens are not acceptable. (III)

Toilet Area

61.4(11) Mirrors shall be provided in toilet rooms and resident bathrooms.
   a. Mirrors in resident bathrooms or toilet rooms shall be arranged for convenient use by residents
in wheelchairs as well as by residents in a standing position. (III)
b. The bottom of the mirror shall be no more than 40 inches above the floor. (III) (Exception 3)

61.4(12) All lavatories shall have paper towel dispensers. (III)
l. One lavatory shall be provided in each resident room. The lavatory may be omitted from a room when a lavatory is located in a connecting toilet room, which serves not more than two beds. (III)
n. Each resident shall have access to a toilet room without having to enter the general corridor area. One toilet room shall serve no more than four beds and no more than two rooms. (III)

61.5(8) Resident toilet rooms shall be provided according to the following standards:
a. Each resident toilet room shall have a swing or sliding door. There shall be a minimum clear opening of 32 inches. (II, III) (Exception 2)
b. The door shall not be a pocket door or swing into the toilet room. (III) (Exception 4)
c. Toilets shall be accessible to and usable by residents with handicaps. (III) (Exception 3)
d. All toilet rooms shall have mechanical exhaust ventilation. (III) (Exception 2)
e. Grab bars shall be provided at all toilets. (III)
f. Water closets shall be 17 to 19 inches high measured to the top of the seat. (III) (Exception 4)

New Construction: Room and Bath

Summary: Minimum Room Size; Linen Fixtures/Storage; Lighting and Ventilation; Beds per Room; Space Between Beds/Location of Beds; In-Room Lavatory; Room Location; Door Width; Privacy; Mirrors; Storage