Resident Bedroom

A. BEDS:

(1) Each resident shall be provided a bed which is at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, is equipped with a headboard of sturdy construction and is in good repair. Roll-away beds, day beds, cots, or double or folding beds shall not be used.

(2) Each bed shall be in good repair and provided with a clean, firm mattress of appropriate size for the bed.

(3) Side rails shall be installed for both sides of the bed when required by the resident's condition.

B. BEDDING:

(1) Each resident shall be provided at least one (1) clean, comfortable pillow. Additional pillows shall be provided if requested by the resident or required by the resident's condition.

(2) Each bed shall have a mattress pad unless contraindicated by special use equipment.

(3) If mattress is not moisture-proof, a moisture-proof mattress cover shall be provided. A moistureproof pillow cover shall be provided to keep each mattress and pillow clean and dry.

(a) A supply of sheets and pillow cases sufficient to keep each mattress and pillow clean and dry. At least two (2) sheets and two (2) pillow cases shall be furnished to each resident each week.

(b) Beds occupied by bedfast or incontinent residents shall be provided drawsheets or appropriate pads.

(4) A sufficient number of blankets shall be provided to keep each resident warm. Blankets shall be changed and laundered as often as necessary to maintain cleanliness and freedom from odors.

(5) Each bed shall have a clean, washable bedspread.

C. OTHER FURNISHINGS:

(1) Each resident who is confined to bed shall be provided with a bedside storage unit containing at least one (1) drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment. All other residents shall be provided with a storage unit in the resident's room, containing at least one drawer for personal items and a drawer or compartment for necessary nursing equipment.

(2) At least one (1) arm chair shall be available for each room for each bed. A folding chair shall not be used.

(3) A properly shaded reading light in working condition shall be installed over or at each bed.

(4) Adequate compartment or drawer space shall be provided in each room for each resident to store personal clothing and effects and to store, as space permits, other personal possessions in a reasonably secure manner.

(5) A sturdy and stable table that can be placed over the bed or armchair shall be provided to every resident who does not eat in the dining room.
(6) Housing blind, non-ambulatory, or handicapped residents: In an existing facility of two (2) or more stories which is not of at least two-hour fire resistive construction, blind, non-ambulatory, or physically handicapped residents shall not be housed above the street level floor unless the facility is either of one-hour protected non-combustible construction (as defined in national fire protection standard 200), fully sprinklered one-hour protected ordinary construction, or fully sprinklered one-hour protected wood frame construction.

A. ASSIGNMENT OF RESIDENTS: Residents co-habiting a double occupancy room or a ward shall be of the same sex unless residents are married, related, or are consenting adults.

B. LOCATION: No bedroom housing or resident shall:
(1) Open directly to a kitchen or laundry.
(2) Be located so that a person must pass through a resident’s bedroom, toilet room, or bathroom to gain access to any other part of the facility.
(3) Be located so that a person must pass through a kitchen or laundry to gain access to the resident’s room or other part of the facility.

C. ACCESS TO CORRIDOR AND OUTSIDE: Each bedroom shall have direct access to a corridor and outside exposure with the floor at or above grade level.

D. SIZE:
(1) The minimum floor area per bed shall be one hundred (100) square feet in single rooms and eighty (80) square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms, exclusive of vestibule, closets, built-in vanity and wardrobe, toilet rooms and built-in lockers. The department may waive this requirement in individual cases where the facility has demonstrated in writing that such variations are in accordance with the particular needs of the residents and will not adversely affect their health and safety.
(2) Resident rooms shall be large enough to permit the sides and feet of all beds to be not less than two (2) feet from the nearest walls.
(3) Ceilings shall be at least eight (8) feet in height.

E. WINDOWS: The bottom sill of windows in bedrooms shall be no more than three (3) feet from the floor.

F. BED CAPACITY: No rooms shall house more than four (4) beds.

G. BED ARRANGEMENTS: The beds shall be arranged so that the beds shall be at least three (3) feet apart and clear aisle space of at least three (3) feet from the entrance to the room to each bed shall be provided.

H. CLOSET SPACE: A closet or locker shall be provided for each resident in each bedroom. Closets or lockers shall afford a space of not less than fifteen (15) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches deep by five (5) feet in height for each resident bed.

I. CUBICLE CURTAINS: Each bed in a multiple-bed room shall have a flame retardant or flameproof cubicle curtain or an equivalent divider that will assure resident privacy.

J. ROOM IDENTIFICATION: Each bedroom shall be identified with a unique number placed on or near the door.
K. DESIGN AND PROXIMITY TO BATHS: Residents' bedrooms shall be designed and equipped for adequate nursing care and the comfort and privacy of residents. Each bedroom shall have or shall be conveniently located near adequate toilet and bathing facilities.

Toilet Area

D. TOWELS, WASHCLOTHS, AND SOAP:

(1) Clean towels and washcloths shall be provided to each resident as needed. Towels shall not be used by more than one resident between launderings.
(2) An individual towel rack shall be installed at each resident's bedside or at the lavatory.
(3) Single service towels and soap shall be provided at each lavatory for use by staff.
(4) Toilet room doors: Resident toilet room doors shall be not less than three (3) feet zero (0) inches by six (6) feet eight (8) inches, and shall not swing into the toilet room unless they are provided with two way hardware.

A. GENERAL: All lavatories required by this subsection shall have hot and cold running water. Toilets shall be water flushed and equipped with open front seats without lids.
(1) Toilet facilities shall be provided in conjunction with each resident's rooms, with not more than two (2) residents' rooms, and not more than four (4) beds per toilet room.
(2) One toilet and one lavatory for not more than four (4) residents shall be provided and separate facilities shall be provided for each sex.
(3) One tub or shower for every twenty (20) residents shall be provided. The bath or shower shall be located on the same floor as the residents served. Facilities for showering with a wheeled shower chair shall be provided.
(4) Every tub, shower, or toilet shall be separated in such a manner that it can be used independently and afford privacy.
(5) On floors where wheelchair residents are cared for, there shall be a toilet room large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and attendant.

C. GRAB BARS: Firmly secured grab ban shall be installed in every toilet and bathing compartment used by residents.

D. WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES:
(1) On floors housing residents who use wheelchairs, there shall be at least one toilet room large enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

E. The requirement of separate facilities for male and female residents is not applicable to facilities used by married couples sharing a room, or those referenced in Section 9.2.72.A if the facilities are not used by other residents.

New Construction: Room and Bath
Summary: Minimum Bed Size; Minimum Linens Specified; Minimum Furnishings Specified; Same Sex in Rooms Unless Married, Related, or Consenting Adults; Minimum Room Size; Space Between Beds; Beds per Room; Flame-Retardant or Flameproof Privacy Curtains; Ceiling Height; Proximity to Toilet and Bathing Facilities; Grab Bars; Doors; Storage