Resident Bedroom

(1) The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom:
   (a) Has direct access to a hall or corridor;
   (b) Is located on an exterior wall with a transparent glass window; and
   (c) Is located to prevent through traffic.

(1) The nursing home must ensure that any resident bedroom has:
   (a) No more than two beds between any resident bed and exterior window wall; and
   (b) A maximum capacity of four beds.

Size of resident rooms.
The nursing home must ensure that minimum usable room space exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, must:
(1) In existing facilities, be at least eighty square feet per bed in each multibed room and at least one hundred square feet for each single bed room;

Privacy in resident rooms.
The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom is designed or equipped to ensure full visual privacy for each resident.

Resident room size variance.
The director of residential care services, aging and disability services administration, or their designee, may permit exceptions to WAC 388-97-2420 (1)(a) and 388-97-2440(1) when the nursing home demonstrates in writing that the exception:
(1) Is in accordance with the special needs of the resident; and
(2) Will not adversely affect any resident's health or safety.

Resident room equipment.
The nursing home must determine a resident's furniture and equipment needs at the time of admission and routinely thereafter to ensure resident comfort. Except as specified in WAC 388-97-0560, the nursing home must provide each resident with the following items required in WAC 388-97-2540 through 388-97-2680.

Resident bed and bedside equipment.
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A comfortable bed of size and height to maximize a resident's independent functioning. Beds may be arranged to satisfy the needs and desires of the individual resident provided the arrangement does not negatively impact the health or safety of other residents;
(2) Appropriate bedding; and
(3) A bedside cabinet that allows for storage of small personal articles and a separate drawer or enclosed compartment for storage of resident care utensils/equipment.

Lockable storage space in a resident room.
The nursing home must provide:
A lockable storage space accessible to each resident for storage of small personal items, upon request; and

**Wardrobes in a resident room.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A separated, enclosed wardrobe or closet for each resident's clothing and belongings accessible to the resident; and

**Seating in a resident room.**
The nursing home must provide comfortable seating for residents and visitors, not including resident care equipment, that provides proper body alignment and support.

**Lighting in resident rooms.**
The nursing home must provide a permanently mounted or equivalent light suitable for any task the resident chooses to do or any task the staff must do.

**Cubicle curtains in resident rooms.**
The nursing home must provide:
(1) Flame-retardant cubicle curtains in multibed rooms that ensures full visual privacy for each resident;

**Toilet Area**

**Resident toilet facilities or rooms.**
The nursing home must ensure that:
(1) Each resident room is equipped with or located convenient to toilet facilities.

**Locks in toilet and bathing facilities.**
The nursing home must ensure:
(1) All lockable toilet facilities and bathrooms have a readily available means of unlocking from the outside; and
(2) Locks are operable from the inside with a single motion.

**New Construction: Room and Bath**

(2) **In a new building or addition,** each resident bedroom must:

(a) Have an exterior transparent glass window:
(i) With an area equal to at least one-tenth of the bedroom usable floor area;
(ii) Located twenty-four feet or more from another building or the opposite wall of a court, or ten feet or more away from a property line, except on street sides;
(iii) Located eight feet or more from any exterior walkway, paved surface, or driveway; and
(iv) With a sill three feet or less above the floor.

(b) Be located on a floor level at or above grade level except for earth berms. "Grade" means the level of ground adjacent to the building floor level measured at the required exterior window. The ground must be level or slope downward for a distance of at least ten feet from the wall of the building. From there the ground may slope upward to the maximum sill height of the required window at a rate of one foot vertical for two feet horizontal.

(2) **In a new building, addition, or change of use to a resident bedroom** the maximum capacity is two beds per room, for plans submitted after September 1, 1995.
In a new building or addition, be one-hundred and ten square feet per bed in multibed rooms, and one-hundred square feet in single bed rooms;

In new construction, ensure that the minimum usable room space is also exclusive of vestibules; and

For exceptions to room size requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180.

In a new building or addition, a lockable cabinet space or drawer for storage of personal belongings for each resident bed, in addition to the bedside cabinet.

In a new building or addition, each bed in each room must have a separate, enclosed wardrobe or closet accessible to the resident with:
(a) Minimum inside dimensions of twenty-two inches deep by a minimum of twenty-six inches wide by sixty inches high; and
(b) Inside space including a rod, at least fifteen inches long, and allowing for fifty-four inches of clear hanging length adjustable to meet the needs of the resident.

In a new building or addition, the cubicle curtain or enclosed space ensures full visual privacy for each bed in a multibed room with enclosed space containing at least sixty-four square feet of floor area with a minimum dimension of seven feet. "Full visual privacy" in a multibed room prevents staff, visitors and other residents from seeing a resident in bed, while allowing staff, visitors, and other residents access to the toilet room, handwashing sink, exterior window, and the entrance door;

For exceptions to cubicle curtain requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180.

Miscellaneous equipment in resident rooms in a new building or addition.
The nursing home must provide:
(1) A phone jack for each bed in each room;
(2) A handwashing sink in each multibed room and a handwashing sink in each single room that does not have an adjoining toilet room containing a handwashing sink. A handwashing sink located in a resident bedroom must be located between the corridor entry door and the nearest resident bed; and
(3) Storage that meets the requirements of WAC 388-97-3000, 388-97-3020, and 388-97-3040.

For new construction, a toilet room must:
(a) Be directly accessible from each resident room and from each bathing facility without going through or entering a general corridor while maintaining resident dignity;
(b) Serve two bedrooms or less;
(c) Be designed to accommodate a person in a wheelchair;
(d) Contain at least one handwashing sink; and
(e) Provide a properly located and securely mounted grab bar at each side and the back of each toilet fixture in each toilet room and stall. Grab bars on the open side must be located twelve to eighteen inches from the center line of the toilet. Grab bars on the open side must be able to swing up.

Accessories in new construction.
The nursing home must provide the following accessories with the necessary backing, if required, for mounting:
(1) Usable countertop area and mirror at each handwashing sink in toilet rooms and resident rooms;
(2) Towel or robe hooks at each handwashing sink in resident rooms and at each bathing facility;
(3) A robe hook at each bathing facility, toilet room and in examination room or therapy area, including outpatient therapy rooms;
(4) A securely mounted toilet paper holder properly located within easy reach of the user at each toilet fixture;
(5) Sanitary seat covers at each public and employee use toilet;
(6) Open front toilet seats on all toilets;
(7) Dispensers for paper towels and handwashing soap at each handwashing sink, and bathing facility;
(8) Sanitary napkin dispensers and disposers in public and employee women's toilet rooms; and
(9) Grab bars that are easily cleanable and resistant to corrosion and securely mounted.

Handwashing sinks in new construction.
The nursing home must provide a handwashing sink in each toilet room and exam room.

Spouts in new construction.
The nursing home must ensure all lavatories and sinks in resident rooms, resident toilet rooms, and utility and medication areas have gooseneck spouts, without aerators in areas requiring infection control.

Faucet controls in new construction.
The nursing home must provide wrist blade, single-lever controls or their equivalent at all sinks and lavatories. The nursing home must:
(1) Provide at least four inch wrist blades and/or single-levers;
(2) Provide sufficient space for full open and closed operation; and
(3) Color-code and label faucet controls to indicate "hot" and "cold."

Summary: New Construction (Windows, Distance Between Buildings, Minimum Room Size); Beds per Room; Minimum Room Size; Minimum Linens, Furnishings, and Lighting Specified; Call Signal Device; Flame-Retardant Curtains; Phone Jack for Each Bed; Handwashing Sink; Privacy Curtains; Locks on Toilet Rooms; Access to Toilets; Storage