

WAC 246-337-127 Restraint or seclusion room requirements. This section only applies to an RTF that is approved to use restraint or seclusion. In new construction or modification, each restraint or seclusion room must:

(1) Be designed to minimize potential for stimulation, escape, hiding, injury, or death, including:

(a) Walls, ceiling, and floors shall be designed to resist impact forces;

(b) Ceilings shall be monolithic without joints or crevices or shall be a minimum of nine feet high;

(c) All permanent building fixtures and details in the room shall be designed to prevent injury to the residents or staff; and

(d) Electrical switches and receptacles within the room are prohibited or covered to make them inaccessible.

(2) Have a maximum capacity of one resident.

(3) Be located and designed to permit visual and audible observation of the resident by direct or electronic means.

(4) Be designed to facilitate entrance, transfer and containment of resident, including:

(a) Have a door that opens outward into a vestibule or controlled area away from the generally populated areas; and

(b) Have a staff-controlled, lockable, toilet room that adjoins either the treatment room or vestibule.

(5) Provide appropriate space for the level of treatment being provided, including:

(a) Have a minimum of sixty square feet for seclusion;

(b) Have a minimum of eighty square feet if the room is also used for restraining residents; and

(c) Have a minimum of three feet of clear space on three sides of the bed, if a bed is provided.

(6) Have negative air pressure with all air exhausted to the exterior of the building with the exhaust fan at the discharge end of the system.

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