

WAC 388-97-4000 Heating systems in new construction. The nursing home must ensure:

(1) The heating system is capable of maintaining a temperature of seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit for areas occupied by residents and seventy degrees Fahrenheit for nonresident areas;

(2) Resident rooms have individual temperature control, except in a dementia care unit controls may be covered, locked, or placed in an inconspicuous place;

(3) The following is insulated within the building:

(a) Pipes conducting hot water which are exposed to resident contact; and

(b) Air ducts and casings with outside surface temperatures below ambient dew point.

(4) Insulation on cold surfaces includes an exterior vapor barrier; and

(5) Electric resistant wall heat units are prohibited in new construction.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-4000, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]