

WAC 388-107-0830 Resident bathing facilities. The facility must provide access to a bathtub or shower for every resident. The facility must ensure:

(1) Bathing facilities are designed and located for resident convenience and privacy;

(2) At least one bathing unit for every four residents, or fraction thereof, who are located in a resident room without an adjoining bathroom;

(3) Access to at least one bathing device for immersion;

(4) Access to at least one roll-in shower or equivalent on each resident care unit:

(a) Designed and equipped for unobstructed ease of shower chair entry and use;

(b) With a spray attachment equipped with a backflow prevention device;

(c) With one-half inch or less threshold that may be a collapsible rubber water barrier; and

(d) With a minimum nominal (rough-framed) size of thirty-six inches by forty-eight;

(5) Resident bathing equipment is smooth, cleanable, and able to be disinfected after each use;

(6) In each bathing unit containing more than one bathing facility:

(a) Each bathtub, shower, or equivalent, is located in a separate room or compartment with three solid walls;

(b) The entry wall may be a shower curtain or equivalent that is designed to meet the safety needs of the resident;

(c) The area for each bathtub and shower is sufficient to accommodate a shower chair, an attendant, and provide visual privacy for bathing, drying, and dressing;

(d) All shower and tub surfaces are slip-resistant; and

(e) All bathing areas are constructed of materials that are impervious to water and cleanable;

(7) Common bathing facilities must comply with the state building code requirements for accessible bathing facilities;

(8) One or more grab bars must be installed to prevent fall and injury in bathing facilities in nonaccessible resident rooms; and

(9) One or more grab bars in accessible bathing rooms must be installed according to the state building code requirements for accessible bathing rooms.

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