

WAC 388-78A-3030 Toilet rooms and bathrooms. (1) The assisted living facility must provide private or common-use toilet rooms and bathrooms to meet the needs of each resident.

(2) The assisted living facility must provide each toilet room and bathroom with:

(a) Water resistant, smooth, low gloss, nonslip and easily cleanable materials;

(b) Washable walls to the height of splash or spray;

(c) Grab bars installed and located to minimize accidental falls including one or more grab bars at each:

(i) Bathing fixture; and

(ii) Toilet.

(d) Plumbing fixtures designed for easy use and cleaning and kept in good repair; and

(e) Provide mechanical ventilation to the outside; and

(f) Separation from other rooms or areas by four walls and a door.

(3) The assisted living facility must provide each toilet room with a:

(a) Toilet with a clean, nonabsorbent seat free of cracks;

(b) Handwashing sink in or adjacent to the toilet room; and

(c) A mirror with adequate lighting for general illumination.

(4) The assisted living facility must provide a toilet and handwashing sink in, or adjoining, each bathroom.

(5) When providing common-use toilet rooms and bathrooms, for residents who do not have access to a private toilet room in their apartment, the assisted living facility must provide toilets and handwashing sinks for residents in the ratios of one toilet and one handwashing sink for every eight residents. For example: One toilet and one handwashing sink for one to eight residents, two for nine to sixteen residents, three for seventeen to twenty-four residents, and so on.

(6) When providing common-use toilet rooms and bathrooms for residents who do not have access to a private bathroom in their apartment, the assisted living facility must provide bathing fixtures for residents in the ratio of one bathing fixture for every twelve residents. For example: One bathing fixture for one to twelve residents, two for twelve to twenty-four residents, three for twenty-five to thirty-six residents, and so on.

(7) When providing common-use toilet rooms and bathrooms, the assisted living facility must:

(a) Designate toilet rooms containing more than one toilet for use by men or women;

(b) Designate bathrooms containing more than one bathing fixture for use by men or women, unless the bathroom is identified as a single resident use only;

(c) Equip each toilet room and bathroom designed for use by, or used by, more than one person at a time, in a manner to ensure visual privacy for each person using the room. The assisted living facility is not required to provide additional privacy features in private bathrooms with a single toilet and a single bathing fixture located within a private apartment;

(d) Provide a handwashing sink with soap and single use or disposable towels, blower or equivalent hand-drying device in each toilet room;

(e) Provide reasonable access to bathrooms and toilet rooms for each resident by:

(i) Locating a toilet room on the same floor or level as the sleeping room of the resident served;

(ii) Locating a bathroom on the same floor or level, or adjacent floor or level, as the sleeping room of the resident served;

(iii) Providing access without passage through any kitchen, pantry, food preparation, food storage, or dishwashing area, or from one bedroom through another bedroom; and

(f) Provide and ensure toilet paper is available at each common-use toilet.

(8) The assisted living facility must ensure twenty-five percent of all resident use, and at least one common use bathing fixtures are roll-in type showers that have:

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

(b) A minimum size of thirty-six inches by forty-eight inches.

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