

WAC 246-324-120 Physical environment. The licensee shall:

- (1) Provide a safe and clean environment for patients, staff and visitors;
- (2) Provide ready access and equipment to accommodate individuals with physical and mental disabilities;
- (3) Provide adequate lighting in all areas;
- (4) Provide natural or mechanical ventilation sufficient to remove odors, smoke, excessive heat and condensation from all habitable rooms;
- (5) Provide a heating system operated and maintained to sustain a comfortable, healthful temperature in all habitable rooms;
- (6) Provide an adequate supply of hot and cold running water under pressure meeting the standards in chapters 246-290 and 246-291 WAC, with:
 - (a) Devices to prevent backflow into the potable water supply system; and
 - (b) Water temperature not exceeding 120°F automatically regulated at all plumbing fixtures used by patients;
- (7) Implement current, written policies, procedures, and schedules for maintenance and housekeeping functions;
- (8) Provide housekeeping and service facilities on each floor of the hospital including:
 - (a) One or more service sinks, designed for filling and emptying mop buckets;
 - (b) Housekeeping closets:
 - (i) Equipped with shelving;
 - (ii) Ventilated to the out-of-doors; and
 - (iii) Kept locked; and
 - (c) A utility service area designed and equipped for washing, disinfecting, storing, and housing medical and nursing supplies and equipment; and
- (9) Provide equipment and facilities to collect and dispose of all sewage, garbage, refuse and liquid waste in a safe and sanitary manner.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 71.12 RCW and RCW 43.60.040. WSR 95-22-013, § 246-324-120, filed 10/20/95, effective 11/20/95.]