

WAC 388-97-3740 Outdoor recreation space and walkways in new construction. A nursing home must provide a safe, protected outdoor area for resident use. The nursing home must ensure the outdoor area has:

- (1) Shaded and sheltered areas to meet residents needs;
- (2) Accessible walking surfaces which are firm, stable, and free from cracks and abrupt changes with a maximum of one inch between sidewalk and adjoining landscape areas;
- (3) Sufficient space and outdoor furniture provided with flexibility in arrangement of the furniture to accommodate residents who use wheelchairs and mobility aids;
- (4) Shrubs, natural foliage, and trees; and
- (5) If used as a resident courtyard, the outdoor area must not be used for public or service deliveries.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-3740, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]