

**WAC 388-97-2900 Physical plant on a dementia care unit.** The nursing home must:

- (1) Provide a staff toilet room with a handwashing sink;
- (2) Ensure that floors, walls, and ceiling surfaces display contrasting color for identification:
  - (a) Surfaces may have a disguise design to obscure or conceal areas that residents should not enter, except for exit doors and doorways; and
  - (b) Exit doors must be marked so that they are readily distinguishable from adjacent construction and the way of exit travel is obvious and direct.
- (3) Ensure that door thresholds are one-half inch high or less;
- (4) Provide a signal device adapted:
  - (a) To meet residents' needs; and
  - (b) For staff and family use, if necessary.
- (5) Ensure that the public address system is used only for emergency use; and
- (6) Refer to WAC 388-97-470(2) for dementia care unit exceptions to individual temperature controls.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-2900, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]