

WAC 388-97-2340 Drug facilities on resident care units. The nursing home must provide an area designed and equipped for drug preparation and locked storage convenient to each work station. The nursing home must ensure:

(1) The drug facilities are well illuminated, ventilated, and equipped with a work counter, sink with hot and cold running water, and drug storage units;

(2) The drug storage units are one or more of the following:

(a) Locked cabinetry constructed in accordance with board of pharmacy regulations for drug storage which has:

(i) Separately keyed storage for Schedule II and III controlled substances; and

(ii) Segregated storage of different residents' drugs; or

(b) An automated medication distribution device or storage.

(3) There is a refrigerator for storage of thermolabile drugs in the drug facility;

(4) Locks and keys for drug facilities are different from other locks and keys within the nursing home; and

(5) **In new construction**, the drug facility must be a separate room.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-2340, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]