

WAC 388-78A-3110 Areas for cleaning and storing soiled equipment, supplies and laundry. (1) The assisted living facility may combine areas used for storing, handling and cleaning soiled laundry and linens, areas used for cleaning and disinfecting soiled nursing care equipment, areas for disposing of refuse and infectious waste, and/or areas for storing housekeeping and cleaning supplies, into a single area on the premises only when the assisted living facility equips the area with:

(a) A two-compartment sink for handwashing and sanitizing;

(b) A clinical service sink or equivalent for rinsing and disposing of waste material;

(c) A work counter or table;

(d) Mechanical ventilation to the outside of the assisted living facility; and

(e) Locked storage for cleaning supplies, if stored in the area.

(2) The assisted living facility must ensure that any work or function performed in or around a combined utility area as described in subsection (1) of this section is performed without significant risk of contamination to:

(a) Storing or handling clean or sterile nursing supplies or equipment;

(b) Storing or handling clean laundry;

(c) Providing resident care;

(d) Food storage, preparation, or service; or

(e) Other operations, services or functions in the assisted living facility sensitive to infection control practices.

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