

WAC 388-78A-3010 Resident units. The assisted living facility resident units must have the following:

(1) **General characteristics:**

(a) Units must have lever door hardware and option for lockable entry doors;

(i) Locking entry doors must unlock with single lever handle motion;

(b) Residents may not enter their rooms through another resident unit or resident bedroom;

(c) The functional program shall identify the number of units or number of licensed beds designed for staff assisted movement, bathing and toileting;

(2) **Number of residents:** Each resident unit shall be limited to not more than two residents.

(3) **Unit configuration types:**

(a) A studio unit or single room;

(b) A companion unit sized appropriately to provide two separate sleeping rooms or spaces of a common entry vestibule;

(c) A one bedroom unit with separate living and sleeping rooms;

or

(d) A two bedroom unit with separate living and sleeping rooms;

(4) **Bathrooms:** Access to bathing/toileting facilities within the resident unit must not be through a resident sleeping room or otherwise compromise resident dignity or privacy.

(5) **Sleeping rooms size:**

(a) One person rooms shall have not less than eighty square feet of usable floor space;

(b) Two person rooms shall not have less than seventy square feet of usable floor space per individual;

(c) When a resident sleeping room is located within a private apartment:

(i) The private apartment includes a resident sleeping room, a resident living room, and a private bathroom;

(ii) The total square footage in the private apartment equals or exceeds two hundred-twenty square feet excluding the bathroom;

(iii) There are no more than two residents living in the apartment; or

(iv) Both residents mutually agree to share the resident sleeping room; and

(v) If all other requirements of this section are met, then the two residents may share a sleeping room with less than one hundred forty square feet; and

(d) All sleeping rooms must be of sufficient size to allow three feet between the bed and the adjacent walls or furnishings and five feet between other beds.

(6) **Calculating floor space:**

(a) Usable floor space in a resident's sleeping room is calculated by measuring from interior wall to interior wall surface;

(i) Including areas of door swings and entryways into the sleeping room.

(ii) Excluding areas under ceilings less than seven feet high, closet space and built-in storage, areas under counters, sinks, or appliances, bathroom and toilet rooms.

(7) **Room arrangement:**

(a) Each sleeping room must have unrestricted direct access to a hallway, living room, outside, or other common-use area;

- (b) A resident sleeping room may not be used as a passageway, hall, intervening room, or corridor.
- (8) Miscellaneous: Each sleeping room must have:
 - (a) One or more outside windows with:
 - (i) Window sills at or above grade, with grade extending horizontally ten or more feet from the building; and
 - (ii) Adjustable curtains, shades, blinds, or equivalent for visual privacy.
 - (b) Electrical receptacles consistent with the requirements of the electrical code;
 - (c) A light control switch located by the entrance for a light fixture in the room;
 - (d) An individual towel and washcloth rack or equivalent, except when there is a private bathroom attached to the resident sleeping or living room, the individual towel and washcloth rack may be located in the attached private bathroom;
 - (e) A lockable drawer, cupboard or other secure space measuring a least one-half cubic foot with a minimum dimension of four inches;
 - (f) Separate storage facilities for each resident in or immediately adjacent to that residents sleeping room to adequately store a reasonable quantity of clothing and personal possessions; and
 - (g) Separate storage containers for materials used in the administration of intermittent nursing services appropriate to the needs of the resident and documented in the functional program.

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