

WAC 388-78A-2703 Safety of the built environment. The assisted living facility must provide a safe environment and promote the safety of each resident whenever the resident is on the premises or under the supervision of staff persons consistent with the resident's negotiated service agreement, and must maintain the premises and equipment used in resident care so as to be free of hazards, including:

(1) Providing handrails in halls, corridors, lobbies, and other circulation spaces accessible to residents appropriate to the population served and consistent with the facility functional program.

(2) Maintaining nonskid surfaces on all stairways and ramps used by residents.

(3) Keeping exterior grounds, assisted living facility structures, and component parts safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

(4) Providing door hardware to ensure:

(a) Residents cannot lock themselves in, or out of, rooms or areas accessible to them; and

(b) Residents cannot become locked in storage rooms, closets, or other rooms or areas not intended for resident access.

(5) Providing and informing staff persons of a means of emergency access to resident-occupied bedrooms, toilet rooms, bathing rooms, and other rooms.

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