

WAC 388-78A-2990 Heating-cooling—Temperature. The assisted living facility must:

(1) Equip each resident-occupied building with an approved heating system capable of maintaining a minimum temperature of 70°F. The assisted living facility must:

(a) Maintain the assisted living facility at a minimum temperature of 60°F during sleeping hours; and

(b) Maintain the assisted living facility at a minimum of 68°F during waking hours, except in rooms:

(i) Designated for activities requiring physical exertion;

(ii) Where residents can individually control the temperature in their own living units, independent from other areas; or

(iii) Where residents cannot individually control the temperature in their own living units, maintain all living units at a temperature range of 70°F to 75°F;

(2) Equip each resident-occupied building with a mechanical air cooling system or equivalent capable of maintaining a temperature of 75°F in communities where the design dry bulb temperature exceeds 85°F two percent of the year per the ASHRAE standards;

(3) Equip each assisted living facility with a backup source of heat in enough common areas to keep all residents adequately warm during interruptions of normal heating operations;

(4) Prohibit the use of portable space heaters unless approved in writing by the Washington state director of fire protection;

(5) Equip each resident sleeping room with individual temperature controls located between eighteen and forty-eight inches above the floor capable of maintaining room temperature plus or minus 3°F from setting, within a range of minimum 60°F to maximum 85°F, these individual temperature controls may be modified to prevent resident access only when:

(a) Appropriate, as documented in resident assessment(s) and their negotiated service plan; and

(b) The temperature range is maintained at a range of 70°F to 75°F.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.20 and 74.39A RCW. WSR 20-02-104, § 388-78A-2990, filed 12/31/19, effective 1/31/20. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.20 RCW. WSR 13-13-063, § 388-78A-2990, filed 6/18/13, effective 7/19/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.20.090. WSR 06-01-047, § 388-78A-2990, filed 12/15/05, effective 1/15/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.20.090 (2004 c 142 § 19) and chapter 18.20 RCW. WSR 04-16-065, § 388-78A-2990, filed 7/30/04, effective 9/1/04.]