

**WAC 388-97-0580 Roommates/rooms.** (1) A resident has the right to:

(a) Share a room with his or her spouse or state registered domestic partners when both residents live in the same facility and both consent to the arrangement and the room complies with the requirements for two occupants; and

(b) Receive three days notice of change in room or roommate except:

(i) For room changes: The move is at the resident's request; and

(ii) For room or roommate changes: A longer or shorter notice is required to protect the health or safety of the resident or another resident; or an admission to the facility is necessary, and the resident is informed in advance. The nursing home must recognize that the change may be traumatic for the resident and take steps to lessen the trauma.

(2) The nursing home must make reasonable efforts to accommodate residents wanting to share the same room.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW. WSR 10-02-021, § 388-97-0580, filed 12/29/09, effective 1/29/10. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-0580, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]