

WAC 388-97-2720 Resident bathing facilities or rooms. The nursing home must ensure:

(1) Each resident room is equipped with or located near bathing facilities;

(2) At least one bathing unit for no more than thirty residents that is not located in a room served by an adjoining bathroom;

(3) At least one bathing device for immersion per floor;

(4) At least one roll in shower or equivalent on each resident care unit:

(a) Designed and equipped for unobstructed ease of shower chair entry and use; and

(b) With a spray attachment equipped with a backflow prevention device.

(5) Resident bathing equipment is smooth, cleanable, and able to be disinfected after each use.

(6) **For new construction**, in each bathing unit containing more than one bathing facility:

(a) Each bathtub, shower, or equivalent, is located in a separate room or compartment with three solid walls;

(b) The entry wall may be a "shower" type curtain or equivalent;

(c) The area for each bathtub and shower is sufficient to accommodate a shower chair, an attendant, and provide visual privacy for bathing, drying, and dressing;

(d) Shower and tub surfaces are slip-resistant;

(e) Bathing areas are constructed of materials that are impervious to water and cleanable; and

(f) Grab bars are installed on all three sides of a shower with the shower head grab bar being "L" shaped.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-2720, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]