

WAC 110-145-2510 Bedrooms and sleeping areas. (1) Licensees must provide each child and youth a single or shared bedroom with privacy and space that adequately meets their developmental capabilities and is in their best interest, except:

(a) Interim facilities may use common sleeping areas for children and youth in care instead of bedrooms; and

(b) Facilities licensed as OYSS must also meet the requirements in WAC 110-145-3390.

(2) Bedrooms must have:

(a) Adequate ceiling height for the safety and comfort of the children or youth;

(b) At least two means of exit from the bedroom, including one of each of the following:

(i) A window or door that:

(A) Opens to the outside;

(B) Allows natural light into the bedroom; and

(C) Permits emergency access or exit; and

(ii) A door giving direct access to common use areas such as hallways, corridors, or living rooms.

(3) Licensees may use a building or structure that does not meet the requirements of subsection (2)(b)(i) of this section with approval by the department if it:

(a) Has a fire sprinkler protection system; and

(b) Was approved by the local fire marshal or building official with jurisdiction.

(4) Licensees must not use:

(a) Bathrooms, kitchens, or unfinished basements as bedrooms; or

(b) Common areas such as hallways, living rooms, or dining rooms as bedrooms for anyone living in the facility without:

(i) Approval by LD; and

(ii) Notification of the child's or youth's representative.

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