WAC 246-335-754 Electrical and communication systems. A hospice care center applicant or licensee must provide general electrical service including:

1. Tamper proof receptacles in patient rooms, toilets, and bathing facilities, and family and public areas;

2. Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacle when located within five feet of water source and above counters that contain sinks;

3. Emergency electrical service with:
   a. Adequate emergency lighting in patient rooms;
   b. At a minimum, provisions must be made for emergency lighting for means of egress; and
   c. Power, appropriate to provide continuous operation of life support equipment.

4. Lighting fixtures with:
   a. Number, type, and location to provide illumination for the functions of each area;
   b. A reading light and control, conveniently located for patient use at each bed in the patient rooms; and
   c. Protective lens or protective diffusers on overhead light fixtures:
      i. Over patient beds;
      ii. In areas where patient care equipment and supplies are processed; and
      iii. In nourishment centers or kitchen areas.
   d. A night light or equivalent low level illumination; and
   e. Night light switches and general illumination switches located adjacent to the opening side of patient room doors.

5. An electronic means of communication that notifies on-duty personnel, contractors, or volunteers and that must:
   a. Be located at the head of the bed in patient rooms and in all common areas accessible by the patients;
   b. Be physically or verbally accessible by patients slumped forward on the floors of either the toilet, bathing facility, or dressing room; and
   c. Consider the patient's communication needs.

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