

**WAC 388-97-2840 Outdoor areas on a dementia care unit.** The nursing home must provide the dementia care unit with:

- (1) Secured outdoor space and walkways;
- (2) An ambulation area with accessible walking surfaces that:
  - (a) Are firm, stable, and free from cracks and abrupt changes with a maximum of one inch between sidewalk and adjoining landscape areas;
  - (b) Have slip-resistant surfaces if subject to wet conditions; and
  - (c) Sufficient space and outdoor furniture with flexibility in arrangement of the furniture to accommodate residents who use wheel-chairs and mobility aids.
- (3) Nontoxic outdoor plants in areas accessible to residents.
- (4) In new construction the outdoor areas must also meet the requirements of WAC 388-97-3740.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-2840, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]