

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 39.—Licensure of Adult Care Homes

28-39-256. Details and finishes.

(a) Details for assisted living or residential health care facilities shall include the following:

(1) Rooms containing bathtubs, showers or toilets available for use by residents shall be equipped with doors and hardware capable of being opened from the outside and shall permit access from outside the room in an emergency.

(2) Windows and outer doors which may be left in an open position shall be provided with insect screens. Windows shall be designed to prevent accidental falls when open or shall be equipped with security screens.

(3) Doors, sidelights, borrowed lights, and windows in which the glazing is within 18 inches or 46 centimeters of the floor shall be glazed with safety glass, wire glass, or plastic glazing material that will resist breaking and will not create dangerous cutting edges if broken. Similar materials shall be used in wall openings of recreation rooms and exercise rooms unless required otherwise for fire safety.

(4) Safety glass or plastic glazing as described in paragraph (a) (3) shall be used for shower doors and bath enclosures.

(5) Grab bars, or sufficient blocking installed in the walls to support a grab bar, shall be provided at all toilets, showers, and tubs accessible to residents.

(b) Finishes.

(1) Wall bases in kitchens, janitor's closets, laundries and resident bathrooms shall be made tightly sealed, and constructed without voids that can harbor insects.

(2) Wall finishes shall be washable and, in the immediate area of plumbing fixtures, shall be smooth and moisture-resistant. Finish trim, and wall and floor construction in dietary and food preparation areas shall be free from spaces that can harbor rodents and insects.

(3) Ceilings in the dietary, food preparation, and food storage areas shall be cleanable by dustless methods, such as vacuum cleaning or wet cleaning. Finished ceilings may be omitted in mechanical and equipment spaces, shops, general storage areas, and similar spaces unless required for fire protection purposes.

(4) Floor, wall and ceiling penetrations by pipes, ducts, and conduits shall be tightly sealed to minimize entry of rodents and insects. Joints of structural elements shall be similarly sealed.

(5) Shower bases and tubs shall provide nonslip surfaces.

(c) Mechanical requirements.

(1) Heating, air conditioning, and ventilating systems.

(A) The systems shall be designed to maintain a year-round indoor temperature range of 70°F or 21°C to 85°F or 26°C.

(B) Each apartment or individual living unit shall allow the resident to control the temperature.

(2) Plumbing and piping systems.

(A) Backflow prevention devices or vacuum breakers shall be installed on fixtures to which hoses or tubing can be attached.

(B) Water distribution systems shall be arranged to provide hot water at outlets at all times. The temperature of hot water shall range between 98°F and 120°F at bathing facilities, sinks, and lavatories in resident use areas.

(3) Electrical requirements.

(A) All spaces occupied by persons or machinery and equipment within the buildings, approaches to buildings, and parking lots shall have adequate lighting.

(B) Minimum lighting intensity levels shall be as required in Table 1.

Table 1
Artificial Light Requirements

Place	Light measured	
	in foot candles	Where Measured

Kitchen and other food preparation and serving areas	50	Counter level
Dining room	25	Table level
Living room or other common areas	15	Three feet above floor
Areas for reading or specialized areas (may be provided by a portable lamp)	50	Chair or table area
Corridors	10	Floor level
Stairways	20	Step level
Exits	5	Floor level
Resident Apartment or Individual living unit		
General	20	Three feet above floor
Toilet room	50	Three feet above floor
Kitchen	50	Counter

(C) Each corridor and stairway shall remain lighted at all times.

(D) Each light in resident use areas shall be equipped with shades, globes, grids, or glass panels.

(4) Telephone service. Each unit or apartment shall have at least one telephone jack for each resident who desires phone service.

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