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RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES (RCS)
NURSING HOME (NH)

Pre-Occupancy Worksheet: Resident Room / Bathroom

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This form is optional and can be used by surveyors to create location specific non-compliance notes. If this form is used, non-compliance information must be transferred to form DSHS 16-287 and uploaded to secure site.

Resident Room / Bathroom	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Room	Comments
Design									
The design of a nursing home must facilitate resident-centered care and services in a safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment that allows the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the greatest extent possible.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Resident rooms. The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom:									
(a) Has direct access to a hall or corridor.									
(b) Is located on an exterior wall with a transparent glass window.									
(c) Is located to prevent through traffic.									
(2) In a new building or addition, each resident bedroom must:									
(a) Have an exterior transparent glass window:									
(i) With an area equal to at least one-tenth of the bedroom usable floor area.									
(ii) Located twenty-four feet or more from another building or the opposite wall of a court, or ten feet or more away from a property line, except on street sides.									
(iii) Located eight feet or more from any exterior walkway, paved surface, or driveway.									
(iv) With a sill three feet or less above the floor.									
(b) Be located on a floor level at or above grade level except for earth berms. "Grade" means the level of ground adjacent to the building floor level measured at the required exterior window. The ground must be level or slope downward for a									

distance of at least ten feet from the wall of the building. From there the ground may slope upward to the maximum sill height of the required window at a rate of one foot vertical for two feet horizontal.									
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Capacity of resident rooms. The nursing home must ensure that any resident bedroom has:									
(a) No more than two beds between any resident bed and exterior window wall.									
(b) A maximum capacity of four beds.									
(2) In a new building, addition, or change of use to a resident bedroom the maximum capacity is two beds per room, for plans submitted after September 1, 1995.									
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Size of resident rooms. The nursing home must ensure that minimum usable room space exclusive of toilet rooms, closets, lockers, wardrobes, must:									
(1) In existing facilities, be at least eighty square feet per bed in each multibed room and at least one hundred square feet for each single bedroom.									
(2) In a new building or addition, be one-hundred and ten square feet per bed in multibed rooms, and one-hundred square feet in single bedrooms.									
(3) In new construction, ensure that the minimum usable room space is also exclusive of vestibules.									
(4) For exceptions to room size requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180									
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Privacy in resident rooms									
The nursing home must ensure that each resident bedroom is designed or equipped to ensure full visual privacy for each resident.									

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Resident isolation rooms. If a nursing home provides an isolation room, the nursing home must ensure the room is uncarpeted and contains									
(1) A handwashing sink with water supplied through a mixing valve.									
(2) Its own adjoining toilet room containing a bathing facility.									
(3) In new construction, the handwashing sink must be located between the entry door and the nearest bed.									
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Resident Room equipment									
The nursing home must determine a resident's furniture and equipment needs at the time of admission and routinely thereafter to ensure resident comfort. Except as specified in WAC 388-97-0560, the nursing home must provide each resident with the following items required in WAC 388-97-2540 through 388-97-2680									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Resident bed and bedside equipment									
(1) A comfortable bed of size and height to maximize a resident's independent functioning. Beds may be arranged to satisfy the needs and desires of the individual resident provided the arrangement does not negatively impact the health or safety of other residents.									
(2) Appropriate bedding.									
(3) A bedside cabinet that allows for storage of small personal articles and a separate drawer or enclosed compartment for storage of resident care utensils / equipment.									

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Lockable storage space in a resident room									
(1) A lockable storage space accessible to each resident for storage of small personal items, upon request.									
(2) In a new building or addition, a lockable cabinet space or drawer for storage of personal belongings for each resident bed, in addition to the bedside cabinet.									

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Wardrobes in a resident room									
(1) A separated, enclosed wardrobe or closet for each resident's clothing and belongings accessible to the resident.									
(2) In a new building or addition, each bed in each room must have a separate, enclosed wardrobe or closet accessible to the resident with:									
(a) Minimum inside dimensions of twenty-two inches deep by a minimum of twenty-six inches wide by sixty inches high.									
(b) Inside space including a rod, at least fifteen inches long, and allowing for fifty-four inches of clear hanging length adjustable to meet the needs of the resident.									

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Seating in resident rooms									
The nursing home must provide comfortable seating for residents and visitors, not including resident care equipment, that provides proper body alignment and support.									

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Lighting in resident rooms									
The nursing home must provide a permanently mounted or equivalent light suitable for any task the resident chooses to do or any task the staff must do.									
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Call signal device in resident rooms									
The nursing home must provide a resident call signal device that complies with WAC 388-97-2280.									
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Cubicle curtains in resident rooms									
(1) Flame-retardant cubicle curtains in multibed rooms that ensures full visual privacy for each resident.									
(2) In a new building or addition, the cubicle curtain or enclosed space ensures full visual privacy for each bed in a multibed room with enclosed space containing at least sixty-four square feet of floor area with a minimum dimension of seven feet. "Full visual privacy" in a multibed room prevents staff, visitors, and other residents from seeing a resident in bed, while allowing staff, visitors, and other residents access to the toilet room, handwashing sink, exterior window, and the entrance door.									
(3) For exceptions to cubicle curtain requirements refer to WAC 388-97-2180.									
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Miscellaneous equipment in resident rooms in a new building or addition									
(1) A phone jack for each bed in each room.									
(2) A handwashing sink in each multibed room and a handwashing sink in each single room that does not have an adjoining toilet room containing a									

handwashing sink. A handwashing sink located in a resident bedroom must be located between the corridor entry door and the nearest resident bed.									
(3) Storage that meets the requirements of WAC 388-97-3000, 388-97-3020, and 388-97-3040									
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Resident toilet facilities or rooms									
(1) Each resident room is equipped with or located convenient to toilet facilities.									
(2) For new construction, a toilet room must:									
(a) Be directly accessible from each resident room and from each bathing facility without going through or entering a general corridor while maintaining resident dignity.									
(b) Serve two bedrooms or less.									
(c) Be designed to accommodate a person in a wheelchair.									
(d) Contain at least one handwashing sink.									
(e) Provide a properly located and securely mounted grab bar at each side and the back of each toilet fixture in each toilet room and stall. Grab bars on the open side must be located twelve to eighteen inches from the center line of the toilet. Grab bars on the open side must be able to swing up.									
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Resident bathing facilities or rooms									
(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.									
(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.									
(f) Grab bars are installed on all three sides of a shower with the shower head grab bar being "L" shaped.									
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Locks in toilet and bathing facilities									
(1) All lockable toilet facilities and bathrooms have a readily available means of unlocking from the outside.									
(2) Locks are operable from the inside with a single motion.									
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Doors in new construction. The nursing home must ensure doors:									
(1) Resident rooms provide a minimum of forty-four inches clear width.									

(2) Resident bathrooms and toilet rooms are a minimum of thirty-two inches clear width for wheelchair access.									
(3) All resident toilet rooms and bathing facilities open outward except if doors open directly into a resident occupied corridor.									
(4) Toilet rooms and bathrooms have single action locks, and a means of unlocking doors from the outside.									
(5) Occupied areas do not swing into corridors.									
(6) All passages are arranged so that doors do not open onto or obstruct other doors while maintaining resident dignity.									
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Floor finishes in new construction									
(1) Floors at all outside entrances have slip-resistant finishes both inside and outside the entrance even when wet.									
(2) All uncarpeted floors are smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable.									
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Environment									
(3) Comfortable and safe temperature levels:									
(a) Facilities licensed after October 1, 1990, must maintain a temperature range of seventy-one to eighty-one degrees Fahrenheit.									
(b) Regardless of external weather conditions, all nursing homes must develop and implement procedures and processes to maintain a temperature level that is comfortable and safe for residents.									
(4) Comfortable sound levels, to include:									
(a) Minimizing the use of the public address system to ensure each use is in the best interest of the residents.									

(b) Taking reasonable precautions with noisy services so as not to disturb residents, particularly during their sleeping time.									
(5) Lighting suitable for any task the resident chooses to do, and any task the staff must do.									
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Accessories in new construction. The nursing home must provide the following accessories with the necessary backing, if required, for mounting:									
(1) Usable countertop area and mirror at each handwashing sink in toilet rooms and resident rooms.									
(2) Towel or robe hooks at each handwashing sink in resident rooms and at each bathing facility.									
(3) A robe hook at each bathing facility, toilet room and in examination room or therapy area, including outpatient therapy rooms.									
(4) A securely mounted toilet paper holder properly located within easy reach of the user at each toilet fixture.									
(5) Sanitary seat covers at each public and employee use toilet.									
(6) Open front toilet seats on all toilets.									
(7) Dispensers for paper towels and handwashing soap at each handwashing sink, and bathing facility.									
(8) Sanitary napkin dispensers and disposers in public and employee women's toilet rooms.									
(9) Grab bars that are easily cleanable and resistant to corrosion and securely mounted.									
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Miscellaneous in new construction									
(1) Rooms and service areas are identified by visible and tactile signs.									

(2) Equipment and casework is designed, manufactured, and installed for ease of proper cleaning and maintenance, and suitable for the functions of each area.									
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Heating systems in new construction									
(1) The heating system can maintain a temperature of seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit for areas occupied by residents and seventy degrees Fahrenheit for nonresident areas.									
(2) Resident rooms have individual temperature control. In a dementia care unit, controls may be covered, locked, or placed in an inconspicuous place.									
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Cooling systems in new construction									
(1) A mechanical cooling system capable of maintaining a temperature of seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit for areas occupied by residents.									
(2) A cooling system that has mechanical refrigeration equipment to provide summer air conditioning to resident areas, food preparation areas, laundry, medication rooms, and therapy areas by either a central system with distribution ducts or piping, or packaged room or zonal air conditioners.									
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Ventilation in new construction									
(1) Ventilation of all rooms is designed to prevent objectionable odors, condensation, and direct drafts on the residents.									
2) All habitable space is mechanically ventilated including:									
(a) Air supply and air exhaust systems.									

(c) Installation of supply registers and return air grilles at least three inches above the floor.									
(d) Installation of exhaust grilles on or near the ceiling.									
(4) Individual exhaust systems meet the following requirements:									
(a) Where individual mechanical exhaust systems are used to exhaust individual toilet rooms or bathrooms, the individual ventilation fans are interconnected with room lighting to ensure ventilation while room is occupied. The ventilation fan must have a time delay shutoff to ensure that the exhaust continues for a minimum of five minutes after the light switch is turned off.									
(g) Humidifiers, if provided, are a steam type.									
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Handwashing sinks in new construction									
The nursing home must provide a handwashing sink in each toilet room and exam room.									
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Mixing valves or mixing faucets in new construction									
The nursing home must provide each fixture, except toilet fixtures and special use fixtures, with hot and cold water through a mixing valve or mixing faucet.									
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Spouts in new construction									
The nursing home must ensure all lavatories and sinks in resident rooms, resident toilet rooms, and utility and medication areas have gooseneck spouts, without aerators in areas requiring infection control.									
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Faucet controls in new construction									
The nursing home must provide wrist blade, single-lever controls or their equivalent at all sinks and lavatories. The nursing home must:									
(1) Provide at least four-inch wrist blades and/or single-levers.									
(2) Provide sufficient space for full open and closed operation.									
(3) Color-code and label faucet controls to indicate "hot" and "cold."									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Pest Control									
(1) Maintain an effective pest control program so that the facility is free of pests such as rodents.									
(3) Provide mesh screens or equivalent with a minimum mesh of one-sixteenth inch on all windows and other openings that can be left open.									
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Hot Water									
(1) The hot water system maintains water temperatures at one hundred ten degrees Fahrenheit, plus or minus ten degrees Fahrenheit, at fixtures used by residents and staff.									
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Lighting. The nursing home must ensure that lighting and lighting levels:									
(1) Are adequate and comfortable for the functions being conducted in each area of the nursing home.									
(2) Are suitable for any task the resident chooses or any task the staff must do.									

(3) Support the independent functioning of the resident.									
(4) Provide a homelike environment.									
(5) Minimize glare.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Natural or artificial light									
(1) The nursing home must ensure that adequate natural or artificial light for inside illumination is provided in every useable room area, including but not limited to storerooms, attic and basement rooms, hallways, stairways, inclines, and ramps.									
(2) In new buildings and additions, the nursing home must utilize:									
(a) Windows and skylights to minimize the need for artificial light and to allow a resident to experience the natural daylight cycle.									
(b) Windows and skylights near entrances/exits in order to avoid difficulty in adjusting to light levels when entering or leaving the facility.									
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Light shields									
The nursing home must ensure that light shields are provided in food preparation and serving areas, utility rooms, medication rooms, exam rooms, pool enclosures, laundry areas, and on ceiling mounted fluorescent lights in resident rooms.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Illumination levels in new buildings and additions									
(1) Lighting fixtures and circuitry provide at least the illumination levels appropriate to the task.									
(2) Design takes into consideration that lighting systems normally decrease in output with age and dirt accumulation.									

(3) Light fixture locations and switching arrangements are appropriate for the needs of the occupants of the spaces.									
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Night lights in new construction. The nursing home must install in each resident room a night light that is:									
(1) Flush mounted on the wall.									
(2) Designed to prevent viewing the light source from thirty inches or more above the floor.									
(3) Located to provide safe pathway lighting for the staff and residents.									
(4) Controlled by a switch at each resident room entrance door or by a master switch.									
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Electrical Outlets									
The nursing home must provide enough electrical outlets to meet the care and personal appliance needs of each resident. An approved power tap may be used only for portable appliances with specific overcurrent protection needs, such as a computer. A "power tap" is a device for indoor use consisting of an attachment plug on the end of a flexible cord and two or more receptacles on the opposite end, with overcurrent protection. A power tap must be:									
(a) Polarized or grounded.									
(b) UL listed.									
(c) Directly connected to a permanently installed electrical outlet.									
(2) In new construction, the nursing home must ensure:									
(a) There are a minimum of seven outlets:									
(i) Four hospital grade electrical outlets located convenient to each residents' bed and centered at									

forty to forty-four inches above the floor, with a minimum of:									
(A) Two additional electrical outlets at separate, convenient locations in each resident room.									
(B) One duplex electrical outlet located adjacent to each handwashing sink intended for resident use.									
(b) All electrical outlets located within five feet of any sink, toilet, bath, or shower must be protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter.									
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Safety									
(1) A safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for the residents, staff, and the public.									
(2) Signs to designate areas of hazard.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Safety – Poisons and nonmedical chemicals									
The nursing home must ensure that poisons and nonmedicinal chemicals are stored in containers identified with warning labels. The containers must be stored:									
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Safety – Storage of equipment and supplies									
The nursing home must ensure that the manner in which equipment and supplies are stored does not jeopardize the safety of residents, staff, or the public.									
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Storage of equipment									
(1) Provide adequate storage space for wheelchairs and other ambulation equipment.									

(2) Ensure stored equipment does not impinge upon the required corridor space.									
(3) In new construction, provide adequate storage of four-square feet or more of storage space per bed which does not impinge upon required corridor space.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
Storage of resident room equipment in a new building or addition									
The nursing home must provide separate storage for extra pillows and blankets for each bed. This may be in a location convenient to the resident room or combined with the wardrobe or closet if it does not impinge upon the required space for clothing.									
Location(s) of Identified Non-Compliance	**Description(s) of Identified Non-Compliance**								
General storage in new construction									
A nursing home must have general storage space of not less than five square feet per bed in addition to the closets and storage required in WAC 388-97-2560									
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Electronic monitoring equipment - Audio monitoring and video monitoring. (1) Except as provided in this section or in WAC 388-97-0400, the nursing home must not use the following in the facility or on the premises:									
(a) Audio monitoring equipment.									
(b) Video monitoring equipment if it includes an audio component.									
(2) The nursing home may video monitor and video record activities in the facility or on the premises, without an audio component, only in the following areas:									

(a) Entrances and exits as long as the cameras are:									
(i) Focused only on the entrance or exit doorways.									
(ii) Not focused on areas where residents gather.									
(b) Areas used exclusively by staff persons such as, medication preparation and storage areas or food preparation areas, if residents do not go into these areas.									
(c) Outdoor areas not commonly used by residents, such as, but not limited to, delivery areas.									
(d) Designated smoking areas, subject to the following conditions:									
(i) Residents have been assessed as needing supervision for smoking.									
(ii) A staff person watches the video monitor at any time the area is used by such residents.									
(iii) The video camera is clearly visible.									
(iv) The video monitor is not viewable by the general public.									
(v) The facility notifies all residents in writing of the use of video monitoring equipment.									
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