

Chapter H 34

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H 34.01 Bed and linens. Each patient shall have at least a standard 36 inch by 75 inch bed with springs, a comfortable clean mattress and pillow. Cots shall not be used. Each bed to have sufficient washable bedding and linen for warmth and cleanliness. Clean sheets and pillow cases shall be furnished at least once a week. The bed linen shall be changed promptly whenever soiled or unsanitary. A waterproof sheet shall be on each bed where needed.

H 34.02 Rails. Side rails for beds shall be made available for the protection of patients when needed.

H 34.03 Lockers. Lockers or closets shall be adequately provided for the storage of patient's clothing.

H 34.04 Individual towels. Common towels shall not be used in wash-rooms or bathrooms. Each patient shall have individual towels and wash cloths kept at the bedside.

H 34.05 Covers, bedpan. Bedpan covers shall be used and shall not be interchangeable.

H 34.06 Chair. A comfortable chair shall be available for each patient able to use one.

H 34.07 Privacy. Bed screens for privacy shall be made available for use in multiple bedrooms by adequate cubicle curtains or portable screens.

H 34.08 Equipment for patient care. Individual mouth wash cups, wash basins, bedpans, and standard urinals shall be provided for each bed patient. This equipment shall be so stored that it cannot be inter-

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changed between patients. There shall be such other nursing equipment as may be required, including an adequate supply of rectal and mouth thermometers. Separate sputum receptacles with disposable containers shall be available for use as needed. There shall be adequate facilities for all necessary sterilization.

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H 34.09 Call system. Means of calling attendants shall be provided for bedfast patients. Hand bells are acceptable but shall be readily accessible.

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H 34.10 Wheel chairs—recommendation. A wheel chair is recommended for those patients as the need requires.
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H 34.20 Floor plans. (1) Submission of original floor plan. A nursing home shall furnish blue prints or rough sketches of the floor plan and other data on the construction of the structure.

(2) Alterations. Changes in the original licensed bed capacity shall be authorized upon the submission and approval of a sketch drawn to scale and other data showing proposed alterations.
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H 34.22 Ventilation. Kitchens, bathrooms, utility and soiled linen rooms shall be ventilated to prevent objectionable odors from permeating through the building.

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H 34.23 Lighting. Artificial lighting shall be adequate in all rooms, storerooms, attics, basements and passageways.

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H 34.24 Flashlights. Emergency lighting (flashlights) shall be provided and distributed so as to be readily available to personnel on duty.

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H 34.25 Lights. Open flame lights shall not be permitted if electricity is available.
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H 34.27 Screens. All outside openings shall be provided with satisfactory screens. Screen doors shall be self-closing and must swing outwards.
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H 34.28 Floors and floor coverings. Floors shall be of such a nature that they can be easily cleaned; scatter rugs are prohibited and highly polished floors are not desirable.

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H 34.29 Laundry. Facilities shall be provided for the washing, rinsing, and cleaning of linen and other washable goods. Food preparation and serving areas shall not be used for washing, rinsing, and cleaning of linen and other washable goods.

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H 34.30 Telephone. There shall be at least one telephone on the premises, and such additional telephones as are deemed necessary for emergency.

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H 34.31 Floor spacing—minimum. The minimum floor area per bed shall be 60 square feet in bedrooms. The beds shall be so arranged that the heads of the beds are a minimum of 3 feet apart.

H 34.315 Floor spacing—recommendation. It is recommended that 100 square feet of floor space be provided in single bedrooms and 80 square feet per bed in multiple bedrooms.

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H 34.32 Ceilings. All ceilings shall be kept clean and in good repair.

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H 34.40 Water supply. The water supply shall be of safe, sanitary quality, suitable for use, and shall be obtained from a water supply system, the location, construction, and operation of which shall comply with the standards approved by the board.

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H 34.41 Common drinking cups. Common drinking vessels shall not be used.

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H 34.42 Sewage disposal. All sewage shall be discharged into a municipal sewerage system where such a system is available; otherwise, the sewage shall be collected, treated, and disposed of by means of an independent sewerage system approved by the board.

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H 34.43 Garbage disposal. All garbage shall be stored in water-tight containers with tight fitting covers and shall be disposed of in a manner that will not permit transmission of disease, create a nuisance, or provide a breeding place for flies.

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H 34.45 Plumbing. The plumbing and drainage for the disposal of excreta, infectious discharge and wastes shall be in accordance with the plumbing standards of the board.

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H 34.46 Toilet facilities—recommendation. Separate toilet facilities are recommended for male and female residents. The recommended minimum ratios are as follows:

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- 1 toilet and 1 lavatory for every 8 female residents
- 1 toilet and 1 lavatory for every 8 male residents
- 1 bath tub or shower for every 20 residents

H 34.47 Indoor toilets. Indoor toilet facilities shall be required where bedfast patients are cared for.

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H 34.48 Incineration. There shall be facilities for the incineration of soiled dressings and similar wastes together with such other garbage and refuse for which other methods of disposal are not available.

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H 34.50 Room numbers. All patient room doors shall be numbered.

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H 34.52 Clean rooms. Rooms shall be kept clean and tidy at all times.

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H 34.53 Separation of sexes. Sexes shall be separated by means of separate wings, floors or rooms, except in cases of husband and wife. Rooms shall be so arranged that it will not be necessary for a patient to pass through rooms of opposite sex.

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H 34.54 Sitting room—recommendation. It is recommended that a sitting room or lounge of suitable size be provided for the use of patients.

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H 34.55 Dining room—recommendation. It is recommended that a dining room be provided for ambulatory patients.

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H 34.63 Fire equipment. All fire protection equipment shall be maintained in readily usable condition.

H 34.65 Evacuation of patients. The licensed operator shall develop and periodically review with his staff a prearranged written plan for the orderly evacuation of patients and residents in case of an emergency. *Return 33, 48*

H 34.66 Suggested evacuation plan—recommendation. It is recommended that the plan contain at least the following information:

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- (1) What to do in case of an emergency.
 - (2) When the evacuation plan is to be placed in operation during a specific emergency.
 - (3) Where evacuation equipment is located and what routes are to be taken.
 - (4) How the evacuation plan is to operate and who is responsible for each phase.
 - (5) Why each employe is required to know his task in relation to the entire plan.

H 34.70 Existing nursing homes—recommendation. It is recommended that existing nursing homes abide by the various building codes, zoning regulations, etc., enforced by the state and local authorities having jurisdiction over such structures.

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H 34.71 Conversion of existing structures for use as nursing homes; new construction. Any person applying for a license to operate a nursing home shall, prior to the issuance of a license, submit proper plans and obtain approval of the proposed home by the industrial commission of Wisconsin, division of safety and sanitation, State Office Building, Madison 2, Wisconsin. Such person shall also comply with the various building codes and zoning restrictions enforced by state and local authorities. This standard shall have equal application to structures converted for use as nursing homes and to new construction.