



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3701-17-22 General building and sanitation requirements; overhead paging.

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(A) The building or buildings in which a nursing home is located will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Ohio building code and have a certificate of use issued by the appropriate building authority.

(B) All plumbing will be so installed and maintained as to be free of leakage and odors and as to reasonably ensure adequate health and safety protection. Plumbing fixtures in nursing homes or additions to nursing homes constructed, erected, altered or relocated after September 10, 1984, and plumbing fixtures in buildings converted into nursing homes after September 10, 1984, will conform to the applicable provisions of the Ohio building code.

(C) Lavatories, bathing facilities, and shower facilities will be supplied with hot and cold running water and be regulated by approved devices for temperature control. The hot water temperature in areas used by residents will be a minimum of one hundred five degrees Fahrenheit and not exceed one hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit.

(D) The nursing home's water supply will be adequate in quantity and of suitable chemical and bacteriological quality for drinking, culinary, and cleaning purposes. The water supply for a nursing home will be taken from a public supply, if available. If from a source of supply other than a public supply, the water supply will comply with all applicable local and state regulations regarding the construction, development, installation, alteration, and use of private water systems.

(E) All liquid wastes from nursing homes will be discharged into a public sanitary sewerage system, if available. Where not available, such wastes will be discharged into a sewage disposal system that meets all applicable local and state regulations regarding the construction, development, installation, alteration, and use of private household sewage disposal systems. The nursing home will properly maintain its sewage disposal system in good, safe working condition.

(F) Heating, cooling, electrical, and other building service equipment will be maintained in good



working and safe condition.

(G) The buildings and grounds will be maintained in a clean and orderly manner.

(H) All garbage and other refuse will be disposed of immediately after production, or be stored in leak-proof containers with tight fitting covers until time of disposal, and all wastes are to be disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

(I) Adequate measures will be taken to prevent the entrance of insects, rodents, and pests into any building used for a nursing home or part thereof and to prevent their infestation of the premises. Extermination of pests should be considered urgent and remediation is obligated to commence as soon as possible

(J) The extermination of insects, rodents, and pests will be done in such a manner as not to create a fire or health hazard.