



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3701-17-23 Space requirements; limitation of number in wards.

Effective: July 17, 2025

(A) In every building where there is a nursing home, the premises of which were initially licensed by the state as a nursing home prior to December 22, 1964 and have been in continuous operation since being initially licensed, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one person will have a habitable floor area of not less than eighty square feet and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one person will have a habitable floor area of not less than eighty square feet per person. Any building licensed by the state as a nursing home prior to December 22, 1964 that is discontinued for such use and then use of the building is resumed is obligated to comply with paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) In every building or addition to a building, erected or converted to use or initially licensed as a home after December 22, 1964, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by one person will have a habitable floor area of not less than one hundred square feet and every room occupied for sleeping purposes by more than one person will have a habitable floor area of not less than eighty square feet per person. In every building occupied as a nursing home on December 22, 1964, every room added for sleeping purposes will comply with this paragraph.

(C) Any building licensed by the state as a nursing home on or after December 22, 1964 that is discontinued for such use and then use of the building is resumed is obligated to comply with paragraph (D) of this rule.

(D) In every building or addition to a building, erected or converted to use or initially licensed as a home on or after July 17, 2002, every room occupied for sleeping purposes by residents will be occupied by no more than two residents and be designed to assure full visual privacy, as defined in paragraph (B) of rule 3701-17-16 of the Administrative Code, for each resident.