

9555.6205 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.

Subpart 1. **Residential occupancy.** The residence must meet the definition of a dwelling unit in a residential occupancy and be free of any plumbing, electrical, ventilation, mechanical or structural hazard that would threaten the health or safety of a resident.

Subp. 2. **Living room access.** Each resident must have use of and free access to the living room.

Subp. 3. **Dining area.** Each residence shall have a dining area furnished for group eating that is simultaneously accessible to residents and household members.

Subp. 4. **Resident bedrooms.** Residents must mutually consent, in writing, to share a bedroom with another resident. No more than two residents may share one bedroom.

A. Resident bedrooms must meet the following criteria:

(1) A single occupancy bedroom must have at least 80 square feet of floor space with a 7-1/2 foot ceiling. A double occupancy room must have at least 120 square feet of floor space with a 7-1/2 foot ceiling.

(2) Bedrooms must be separated from halls, corridors, and other habitable rooms by floor to ceiling walls containing no openings except doorways and must not serve as a corridor to another room used in daily living.

(3) A resident's personal possessions and items for the resident's own use are the only items permitted to be stored in a resident's bedroom.

(4) When possible, a resident shall be allowed to have items of furniture that he or she personally owns in the bedroom, unless doing so would interfere with safety precautions, violate a building or fire code, or another resident's use of the bedroom.

B. Each resident shall be provided with the following furnishings:

(1) A separate, adult size single bed or larger with a clean mattress in good repair.

(2) Clean bedding appropriate for the season for each resident.

(3) An individual dresser and closet for storage of personal possessions and clothing.

(4) A mirror for grooming.

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