

5122-30-12 Safety.

(A) Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers shall be operational and shall be located on each floor of the facility in areas near bedrooms, and in specific locations as advised by the certified fire inspector. In the event these are not on each floor and the time of day prohibits their purchase staff must remain awake and on duty twenty-four hours a day until detectors and extinguishers can be purchased and installed. Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers shall be visually inspected and manually tested by the operator, with subsequent documentation at least quarterly.

(B) All stairways, hallways, and doorways shall be lighted, free of debris and obstructions.

(C) Telephones shall have emergency numbers posted nearby and the telephone shall be accessible to all residents.

(D) Windows, screens, ceilings, walls and floors shall be in adequate repair.

(E) Each facility shall have written emergency evacuation plan drawings showing routes to exits. The evacuation plan shall be explained to each resident, and shall be posted, at a minimum, on each floor, in highly visible locations throughout the facility.

(F) Each facility shall hold and provide documentation of an evacuation drill at least quarterly on each shift for all staff and residents. Drills shall be conducted at different and varying times of day and night, and shall be conducted utilizing different exit routes.

(G) Each facility shall establish appropriate disaster plans and shall ensure that all residents and staff receive instruction in disaster procedures annually. The facility shall document the provision of such instruction.

(H) Facilities with nine or more ambulatory residents shall have a combined smoke detector and fire alarm system. The fire alarm system shall include approved bells, sirens, or horns, lights for hearing impaired residents, if served, and manual fire alarm boxes. All fire alarm equipment shall be located and installed in accordance with national fire protection association code 72-1993 as adopted by the state fire marshal. All smoke detectors shall be interconnected with the fire alarm system. Smoke detection devices shall be located in the immediate vicinity but outside of all bedrooms. Two independent means of exit shall be provided for each floor and cellar level occupied. The two independent means of exit shall be approved by the fire authority having jurisdiction. The facility shall obtain annual alarm system testing and shall have documentation of testing.

(I) Facilities in which one or more of the residents is non-ambulatory shall have smoke detectors, fire alarm, automatic fire extinguishing systems, and two independent means of exit for each occupied floor and cellar. The two independent means of exit shall be approved by the fire authority having jurisdiction. The facility shall obtain annual alarm and sprinkler system testing and shall have documentation of testing.

(J) The telephone numbers of the fire department, police department, and other emergency numbers or "911" shall be prominently displayed at each telephone in the facility.

(K) First aid supplies shall be readily available in the facility and in each vehicle used to transport residents. Supplies shall be accessible to all adult residents and staff, except in facilities for children and adolescents, supplies shall be accessible to staff only.

(L) All disinfectants, poisons, pesticides, and/or other substances defined as hazardous in Chapter 3716. of the Revised Code shall be correctly labeled, in proper containers, and stored separately from food products. These substances shall be kept in locked storage spaces accessible to staff only.

(M) All exterior and interior steps and floor coverings shall be kept in good repair, and maintained to avoid

falls and other injuries.

(N) All exits, stairways, corridors, ramps, elevators, and fire escapes shall be free of obstructions. All common areas and all exits of the facility shall be well-lighted.

(O) All interior and exterior door handles and locks shall be kept in good repair so they can be readily and easily operated.

(P) Residents shall not be locked out of a residential facility. If the facility is locked during any portion of the twenty-four hour day, each resident shall be provided with a working key, or staff shall be immediately available on the premises to open the door for any resident.

(Q) With the exception of crisis stabilization units serving persons eighteen years of age and older, all lockable doors shall be capable of being opened from the inside without the use of a key, such as by installation of panic bars, release of a dead bolt, etc. On adult crisis stabilization units, at least one exit door on the unit must have egress ability from the inside. Locking of a mental health resident's bedroom door while sleeping is prohibited.

(R) No explosives, pyrotechnics, firearms, chemical weapons, or other similar weapons or substances shall be maintained or available in the facility or on its premises. No household member shall bear any firearm, chemical weapon, or other weapon or similar device while such person is on the premises of the facility. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as prohibiting law enforcement authorities from bearing arms in conjunction with their official capacity.

(S) Outdoor areas which are potentially hazardous to residents shall be reasonably safeguarded, considering the functioning level of the residents. Such areas include water areas, such as lakes, ponds, swimming pools; cliffs and caves; open pits and wells; and heavily traveled roads. Playground equipment shall be anchored securely and include impact dispersion material under swing sets, slides, etc.

(T) No open flame candles or smoking shall be permitted in resident bedrooms.

(U) All workshop or outdoor power equipment shall be maintained and operated in a safe manner.

(V) Portable heaters may be used, if the heater has been approved by the underwriter's laboratory, and are not prohibited by any local ordinances.

(W) Pets or domestic animals, in or on the premises of a residential facility, shall be kept in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with state and/or local laws.

(X) Interior and exterior stairways accessible to children shall be protected by child safety gates, or doors, according to the child's age and functioning level.

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