

# NURSING HOME CHECKLIST

## Physical Plant – New Construction

This checklist is a guide and not intended to be a substitute for MN Rules.

[MN Rule Reference, Subp. \(http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4658/version/2014-01-18T06:53:54-06:00\)](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4658/version/2014-01-18T06:53:54-06:00)

Requirement	MN Rule Reference, Subp.	OK
<b>ARCHITECTURAL</b>		
Site Requirements (if new facility)	4658.4040	
<b>Bedrooms:</b>		
5% of total bedrooms a private remaining are double	4658.4100	
Above grade rooms; adjacent rooms do not share toilets (CMS)	4658.4105, 7	
Floor area 120 SF private, 100 SF/bed	4658.4105	
Bed clearances, doors 44" W	4658.4105/4110	
<b>Dining/Dayroom/Activity:</b> 40 SF/bed	4658.4200	
<b>Windows:</b> dayroom/dining	4658.4205/4210	
<b>Nurse Station:</b>		
140 ft from bedrooms	4658.4105, 8	
Provides supervision of corridors	4658.4125, 2	
Nurses' toilet nearby	4658.4125, 3	
Hand washing lav. In station	4658.4125, 2	
<b>Clean Utility (CU):</b>		
Cabinets, shelves	4658.4125, 4	
Sink w/institutional fittings, towel disp.	4658.4125, 4	
<b>Medicine Room:</b>		
(same as CU + refrigerator)	4658.4125, 2	
Double lock for narcotics	4658.1340, 1	
<b>Soiled Utility:</b>		
In residential wings	(recommended)	
Clinical sink, sink w/ institutional fittings	4658.4125, 5	
Cabinets & shelves, towel disp.	4658.4125, 5	
Bedpan washer/sanitizer	4658.4125, 5	
<b>Corridors:</b>		
8 ft. wide	4658.4120, 2	
Handrails each side: 1½" to 2" diameter, 32-34" to top of rail, 1½" clear to wall	4658.4120, 2	
<b>Bedroom Windows:</b>		
30" H sills	4658.4105, 6	
Clear space 30 ft. @ 65 deg. angle	4658.4105, 6	
Window area is 1/8 bedroom area	4658.4105, 6	
<b>Central Bathing:</b>		
1 tub & 1 shower min; 1 per 20 beds	4658.4135	
Direct access to WC and lavatory	4658.4155, 2D	

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Clearances	4658.4155, 4A	
If shower, splash wall	4658.4155, 3A	
<b>Toilet Rooms:</b>		
Direct access from only one bedroom (CMS)	4658.4140	
Doors 32" clear & swinging out	4658.4145, A	
WC and lavatory in room, mounting	4658.4135	
3 ft. 6" min width, clearances	4658.4145, B	
Private for single bedrooms	4658.4100	
Special toilet rooms 6x5½ ft. (4 ft. clear in front of toilet)	4658.4150, C	
Toilet paper holder	4658.4145, E/4150, F	
<b>Storage Space:</b> 15 SF per bed	4658.4710	
<b>Janitor's Closet:</b> (floor sink, shelves)	4658.4175	
<b>Entrance:</b> canopy to curb (HC access)	4658.4360	
<b>Public Toilets/Lobby:</b> near main entry	4658.4135	
<b>PT Area (if provided):</b>		
Special toilet room in area	4658.4370	
Cubicle curtains	4658.4370	
Supervisor space, storage space	4658.4370	
Lavatory/sink w/ institutional fittings, towel dispenser	4658.4370	
<b>Activity Area:</b>		
Toilet room nearby	(recommended)	
HC accessible sink, counter	4658.4215	
Storage space, display space	4658.4215	
<b>Barber/Beauty Shop:</b>		
Storage space	4658.4375	
Shampoo sink	4658.4375	
<b>Kitchen:</b>		
Dishes flow	4658.4300, 1	
Food storage (delivery access)	4658.4300, 1	
Sep. Jan. closet & toilet room	4658.4300, 5 & 7	
Cart washing	4658.4315	
Can washing area (outside kitchen)	4658.4320	
Partition (dishwashing area)	4658.4310, B	
4 ft. aisles throughout	4658.4305, 1	
Lavatories (food prep./dishwashing)	4658.4300, 6	
Enclosed storage for dishes, utensils, pots pans	4658.4300, 4	
<b>Laundry Room /Area:</b>		
Work flow	4658.4335	
Cart storage	4658.4335	
Soiled linen room	4658.4330	
Laundry processing room (washers, dryers, 2-comp. sink, lav., tbls.)	4658.4335	
Clean linen room (separate & enclosed)	4658.4345	
<b>Nourishment Area:</b>		
Counter & sink	4658.4130	
Cabinets, refrigerator		

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<b>Ref. Drinking Fountains:</b> For resident areas, activities, dining	4658.4160	
<b>Elevator:</b>		
5 ft. W x 7 ft. D	4658.4415	
Door opening 44" wide	4658.4415	
<b>Ceiling Heights:</b>		
8 ft. living areas	4658.4455	
7 ft. 6 in. corridors, other rooms	4658.4455	
9 ft. min. boiler rooms	4658.4455	
<b>Lever Type Door Handles</b>	4658.4405	
<b>Cubical curtains:</b>		
2-bed rooms	4658.4105, 1	
Central bathing	4658.4155, 2A	
PT	4658.4370, 1	
<b>Grab Bars:</b>		
Showers and tubs	4658.4155, 3C & 4D	
All toilets, grab bars 10" above seat (except staff)	4658.4145, F/4150, G & H	
<b>Plumbing Fixture Maintaining:</b>		
Lavatories	4658.4145, H/4150, J	
Water closets	4658.4145, B & C/4150, C & D	
<b>Sterilizer (if provided):</b> in CU room	4658.1900	
<b>MECHANICAL</b>		
<b>Heating System:</b>		
Maintain 71-81° F	4658.4510, 1	
Indirect fired (including range make up air)	4658.4550, 1	
<b>Humidity:</b> Maintain 25-50%	4658.4510, 1	
<b>Hot Water:</b> 105-115° F with recirculation 180/160° F at dish/clothes washers	4658.4510, 1	
<b>Dishwasher:</b>		
Pressure gauge	4658.4500, 5	
Pressure reducing valve, vacuum breaker	4658.4500, 5	
Floor drain w/o backwater valve	4658.4500, 5	
<b>Food Storage Areas:</b> no floor drains	4658.4500, 6	
<b>Bedpan Cleaning Device:</b> (SU sinks)	4658.4505, 2	
<b>Washer/Sanitizer:</b> indirect waste	MN Plumbing Code	
<b>Sterilizer:</b>		
Indirect waste	4658.4505, 3	
Independently vented	4658.4505, 3	
<b>Valves/Controls:</b> easy access	4658.4510, 3	
<b>Ventilation:</b>		
Meets table	4658.4520	
Exhaust to outside from all ranges	4658.4520	
<b>Air Conditioning:</b> after 6/30/88	Statute 144A, 1b	
<b>Humidification:</b> effective Nov 1996 Relative humidity 25% min to 50% max	4658.4510, 1	

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<b>Fresh Air Intake:</b> 25 ft. from exhaust, parking height above grade or above roof	4658.4525	
<b>Exhaust or Waste Chute Vent:</b> 25 ft. from openable windows	4658.4525	
<b>Filtered Outside Air:</b> 25% efficient	4658.4550, 2 & 3	
<b>Filtered Kitchen Exhaust Hoods</b>	4658.4535, 1	
<b>Institutional Fittings:</b> (lavatories, sinks)	4658.4505, 1	
<b>Radiation Elements:</b> 4" above floor	4658.4510, 4	
<b>Air registers:</b> 4" above floor	4658.4530	
<b>Medical Gas System</b> (if any)	(certification)	
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>		
<b>Light/Power Panels:</b> typed index	4658.4600, 1	
<b>Corridor Receptacles:</b> 50 ft. spacing	4658.4605	
<b>Four-plex Receptacles:</b> on headwall on each side of each bed	4658.4625	
<b>Night Light:</b> each bedroom	4658.4630	
<b>Nurse Call System:</b>	4658.4635	
Registers at central annunciator	4658.4635	
Registers at bedroom door	4658.4635	
Duty signal @ Med. Rm., CU/SU Rms., and Nourishment Stations	4658.4635	
Emergency calls at resident toilets and bathing fixtures, and in dayrooms, therapy and activity areas	4658.4635	
Nurse call device @ each bed	4658.4635	
Zone lights where required	4658.4635	
<b>Door Alarms:</b>		
At exits	4658.0065	
Emergency generator (+ light)	4658.0065	
<b>Keyed Power Switch:</b> with indicator light at the electric range	4658.4130	
<b>No lamps exposed to incidental damage</b>	(safety)	