

## **388-97-0880 Environment**

The nursing home must provide and maintain:

**(1)**

A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment, allowing the resident to use his or her personal belongings to the extent possible;

**(2)**

Housekeeping and maintenance services necessary to maintain a sanitary, orderly, and comfortable interior;

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Lighting suitable for any task the resident chooses to do, and any task the staff must do.