

388-97-3740 Outdoor recreation space and walkways in new construction

A nursing home must provide a safe, protected outdoor area for resident use. The nursing home must ensure the outdoor area has:

(1)

Shaded and sheltered areas to meet residents' needs;

(2)

Accessible walking surfaces which are firm, stable, and free from cracks and abrupt changes with a maximum of one inch between sidewalk and adjoining landscape areas;

(3)

Sufficient space and outdoor furniture provided with flexibility in arrangement of the furniture to accommodate residents who use wheelchairs and mobility aids;

(4)

Shrubs, natural foliage, and trees; and

(5)

If used as a resident courtyard, the outdoor area must not be used for public or service deliveries.