

86588 Fixtures, Furniture, Equipment, and Supplies

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The licensee shall provide lamps or lights as necessary in all rooms and other

areas to ensure the comfort and safety of all persons in the crisis nursery.

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Faucets used by children for personal care and grooming shall deliver hot water.

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Solid waste shall be stored, located and disposed of in a manner that will not transmit communicable diseases or odors, create a nuisance, or provide a breeding place or food source for insects or rodents. (1) All containers, including movable bins used for storage of solid wastes shall have tight-fitting covers kept on the containers, shall be in good repair, shall be leak proof, and shall be rodent-proof. (2) Solid waste containers, including movable bins that receive decaying waste, shall be emptied at least once per week, or more often if necessary. (3) Each movable bin shall provide for suitable access and a drainage device to allow complete cleaning at the storage area.

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Toilet, wash basin, bath, and shower fixtures shall, at a minimum, meet the following requirements. (1) There shall be at least one toilet and wash basin maintained for each six persons residing in the crisis nursery, including children and staff. (2) There shall be at least one shower or bathtub maintained for each ten persons residing in the crisis nursery, including children and staff. (3) Toilets and bathrooms shall be located so that children do not have to go outdoors to

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The licensee shall provide to each child the following furniture, equipment and supplies necessary for personal care and maintenance of personal hygiene: (1) An individual bed maintained in good repair, equipped with good springs and a clean mattress, and supplied with pillow(s) that are clean and in good repair. (A) Fillings and covers for mattresses and pillows shall be flame retardant. (B) The use of trundle or bunk beds shall be prohibited. (2) Clean linen in good repair, including lightweight, warm blankets and bedspreads, top and bottom bed sheets, pillow cases, mattress pads, and bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths. (A) The quantity of linen provided shall permit changing the linen at least once each week, or more often when indicated to ensure that clean linen is in use by children at all times. (B) Use of common towels and wash cloths shall be prohibited. (C) Rubber or plastic sheeting or bed coverings should be provided when necessary.

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The licensee shall provide and maintain the supplies, equipment and reading material necessary to implement planned activities.

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The licensee shall ensure that safe fixtures, furniture, equipment, supplies, and toys are provided. (1) They shall be free from toxic materials or substances. (2) They shall be in good condition, free of sharp, loose, or pointed parts. (3) Any platform, step or stool used by the crisis nursery that enables children to reach shall be broad based or anchored. (4) Baby walkers are prohibited.

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The licensee shall arrange furniture and equipment as follows: (1) No exit shall be blocked. (A) Placement of cribs, mats or cots, and beds shall not hinder entrance to or exit from the sleeping area. (2) Toilets, potty chairs, and hand washing sinks for children shall be near indoor and outdoor activity spaces. (3) A walkway and workspace shall be between the sleeping furniture (cribs, mats or cots, and beds). (A) Staff must be able to reach each child without having to step or reach over any other child.

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