

**481—61.7(135C) Nursing care unit.**

**61.7(1)** A seclusion room may be used in an intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness.

**61.7(2)** When a seclusion room is used, it must meet the following standards. A seclusion room shall:

- a.* Be located where direct care staff can provide direct supervision; (I, II, III)
- b.* Have only one door which swings out but does not swing into a corridor; (II, III)
- c.* Have only locking devices that are approved by the state fire marshal; (I, II, III)
- d.* Have unbreakable, fire-safe vision panels arranged to permit observation of the resident. The arrangement shall ensure resident privacy and prevent casual observation by visitors or other residents; (I, II, III)
- e.* House only one resident at a time; (I, II, III)
- f.* Have an area of at least 60 square feet, but not more than 100 square feet; (II, III)
- g.* Be constructed to protect against the possibility of hiding, escape, injury and suicide; (I, II, III)
- h.* Have construction of the room area, including floor, walls, ceilings, and all openings, approved in writing by the state fire marshal prior to construction or alteration of a room. Padding materials, if used, shall be approved in writing by the state fire marshal; (I, II, III)
- i.* Contain only vandal- and tamper-resistant fixtures and hardware; (I, II, III)
- j.* Contain no electrical receptacles; (I, II, III)
- k.* Contain an exhaust ventilation system with a fan located at the discharge end of the system, with exhaust discharging to the outside; (II, III)
- l.* Have electrical switches for the light and exhaust ventilation systems installed outside the room; (I, II, III)
- m.* Have an emergency call system for staff located outside the room near the observation window; (II, III) and
- n.* Be built with materials that are easily maintained and sanitized. (III)

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