

NURSING HOME LONG TERM CARE DESIGN GUIDELINES COMPARISON													
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	MAX BEDS	PRIVATES	ENSUITE	RES. ROOM	RES. ROOM	ENSUITE	RES ROOM	TURNING	DINING	ACTIVITY	CORRIDORS	OUTDOOR	MULTI-
	per House		SHOWERS	TOTAL AREA	Clearances		excluding	CIRCLE	per res.	LOUNGE		SPACE	PURPOSE
							ensuite			per res.			
BC MLC	18	90%	consider	21 sq.m.		4.48 sq.m.	16.52 sq.m.	1524 mm (5')	3 sq.m.	2.8 sq.m.	2400 mm	1.4 sq.m	1.4 sq.m.
1994												per res.	X 25% res.
VETERANS USA	10 - 12	100%	yes	26.9 sq.m.	13'6" min head wall	6 sq.m.	20.9 sq.m.	1676 mm (5'6")	3.35 sq.m.	3.35 sq.m.	2440 mm	patio on	yes
CLC 2011							inc. vestibule					each floor	
FRASER HEALTH	22 - 28	90%	preferred	21 - 22 sq.m.	bed access 3 sides		unclear	1500 mm	3 sq.m.	2.5 sq.m.	1830 mm	1.5 sq.m	
2011	SCU: 22 - 25										2440 preferred	per res.	
Nova Scotia 2007	min. of 12	100%	not in NH	22.2 sq.m.	5' on either side	4.5 sq.m.	17.7 sq.m.		3.34 sq.m.	3.34 sq..m.		at grade from	1.8 sq.m.
(Nursing Home + RCF)			In res. care		4' at end of bed	7 sq.m.						each house	per res.
Nova Scotia 2009	min. of 11	100%	2 piece		1500mm on 1 side	4.5 sq.m.	15.3 sq.m.		2.3 sq.m.	2.3 sq.m.		at grade from	
(Res.Care Facility)					1200mm bed end		ex. vestibule		semi-ambulatory			each house	
Alberta 2008/2009				30 sq.m.		6 sq.m.	24 sq.m.		4 sq.m.	2.5 sq.m.			1.5 sq.m.
													per res
Alberta 2012	18	100%	mandatory		3 side bed access			1500 mm			2 wc passing	2 sq.m.	
					2 sides wc turning							per res.	
ONTARIO	32	60%	no				12.1 sq.m.	1524 mm	2.8 sq.m.	2.5 sq.m.	1820 mm		yes
2009													
New Brunswick	20 - 25	80%	optional	21.4 sq.m.	1524 two sides	5.6 sq.m.	15.79 sq.m.	1524 clearances	3.5 sq. m.	2.5 sq.m.	2440 mm		3.5 sq.m.
2010					1220 end of bed								per res.
Vancouver Coastal	12 - 16	95%	optional	23 sq.m.	1200 mm passage	6 sq.m.	17 sq.m.	1800 mm	3 sq.m	2.5 sq.m.	2400 mm	1.5 sq.m.	1.4 sq.m.
Health Region					1500 mm side		incl. vestibule						x 50% of res.
2007													
Calgary Health Region				26 sq. m.		6 sq. m.	20 sq.m.		3.25 sq. m.	3.63 sq. m.			
Survey Median (2008)													
BPDG	25	100%	preferred	22 - 25 sq.m.	3 side bed access	5.3 - 6 sq.m.	15.5 - 17 sq.m	min 1524 mm -	3 sq.m..	3 - 4 sq. m.	1830 mm	from each	yes
2013	(with wings)				2 sides wc turning			1676 mm (5'6")				house	
Note: comparing resident room sizes is problematic: some jurisdictions give total room size including ensuite, others exclude ensuite. Vestibule and closet can impact usable space.													
Note: Calgary Survey gives median figures for minimum recommendations gathered from some areas of Ontario, BC and Alberta: Source - Design Guidelines Lean Review VCH 2010													
Note: Alberta 2008/2009 is extrapolated from Design Guidelines Lean Review VCH 2010													
Note: BPDG is the author's recommendation.													