



State Survey Interior Checklist
Skilled Nursing Facilities

CMS F-TAG and K-TAG regulations relating to facility/interior living spaces.
Source: Government publishing office, electronic code of federal regulations, February 2018.

F924 Corridors Have Firmly Secured Handrails. Equip corridors with firmly secured handrails on each side. See CFR 483.90(i)(3). *Formerly F468.*

- Examine for loose, unsecured or unsafe handrails; inspect brackets for snug fit.
- Check for chipped, peeling or worn finishes – especially for older, wooden rails.
- Check joints and grip surface for gaps, sharp edges, tear points and areas of discomfort.
- Verify all handrails meet the ADA requirement of a 1½ inch rounded grip surface.
- ADA compliant handrails must also have a minimum offset of 1½ inches from the wall.

F914 Bedrooms Assure Full Visual Privacy. Bedrooms must be designed or equipped to assure full visual privacy for each resident. In facilities initially certified after March 31, 1992, except in private rooms, each bed must have ceiling suspended curtains, which extend around the bed to provide total visual privacy in combination with adjacent walls and curtains. See CFR 483.90(e)(1)(iv)(v). *Formerly F460.*

- Verify curtains are clearly labeled for NFPA-701 Fire Rating certification.
- Keep additional curtains in attic stock for quick room change-outs and laundering.
- Inspect curtain track system for missing hooks, grommets and unsafe suspension.

F253 Environment/Regulation 483.15(h)(2). The facility must provide housekeeping and maintenance services necessary to maintain a sanitary, orderly, and comfortable interior.

- Check and clean wall surface areas prone to dirt, moisture and bacterial development.
- Inspect drywall surfaces for gouges and scratches; upgrade wall coverings as needed.
- Repair peeling, torn, tattered wallpapers or wall coverings; replace as needed.
- Inspect cove base for stains, scuffs and delamination from wall surface.
- Install rigid sheet, rub strips or crash rails to protect areas prone to impact.

K363 Corridor – Doors. Doors protecting corridor openings shall be constructed to resist the passage of smoke. Clearance between bottom of door and floor covering is not exceeding 1 inch. There is no impediment to the closing of the doors. Nonrated protective plates of unlimited height are permitted.

- Verify doors are stamped or labeled with Class A Fire Rating designations.
- Confirm any after-market door hardware meets and/or is labeled for code requirements.
- Check doors, edges and door frames for scratches, peeling paint, sharp edges; repair issues.
- Check K374 Subdivision of Building Spaces for additional Life Safety Code door compliance.



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