

LONG TERM CARE SURVEY

SURVEY AREA	OBSERVATION	INTERVIEWING	RECORD REVIEW	EVALUATION FACTORS	CROSS REFERENCE
H. Common Resident Areas F311 SNF 405.1134(j)	Use senses - sight, hearing, olfactory when surveying common areas as lounges, lobby, corridors. Note levels of lighting for both reading and non-reading areas. Is it bright enough but without glare? Are areas clean and without offensive odors? Do background sound levels allow for ease of communication and comfort for residents/visitors? Do residents seem comfortable with the room temperature - note the use of several layers of clothing, many residents fanning themselves, etc. Are handrails on each side of the corridor and are they secure? Are smoking/no smoking areas designated?	Ask Residents: - Do you think that the lounges and corridors are usually clean? - Do they have any unpleasant odors? - Is the lighting level comfortable for you to read? Is it adequate for you to feel safe walking? - Do you have any difficulty with the noise level? - Is the temperature usually comfortable for you? - Do you feel there is adequate ventilation? - Are there handrails in all of the corridors? - Are they securely fastened to the wall? Ask Supervisory Staff: - If there is a water main break or other interruption in the water supply, how do you obtain water for essential areas and duties?		- Floors and furniture should appear clean - free of gross contamination. - Residents should have lighting bright enough to safely negotiate corridors, lounges, etc., and in reading area, be bright enough to read. But the brightness should be free of glare. Remember, the elderly need a higher level of lighting as their sight diminishes. - Except for times when a louder level of sound is necessary for communication, sounds should be unobtrusive and "comfortable". - Room temperature comfort levels vary widely, and in general the elderly will require a higher temperature for comfort than younger people. Use information from resident interviews and your observations to determine if the temperature is "comfortable" for most residents. - All corridors in	Infection Control 405.1135(c)
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F313 1. All common resident areas are clean, sanitary and free of odors.					
F314 2. Provision is made for adequate and comfortable lighting levels in all areas.					
F315 3. There is limitation of sounds at comfort levels.					