

“Secured handrails” means handrails that are firmly affixed to the wall.

**PROBES: §483.90(i)(3)**

Do all corridors have handrails and are the handrails firmly secured and affixed to the corridor walls?

**F925**

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**§483.90(i)(4) Maintain an effective pest control program so that the facility is free of pests and rodents.**

**GUIDANCE: §483.90(i)(4)**

An “effective pest control program” is defined as measures to eradicate and contain common household pests (e.g., bed bugs, lice, roaches, ants, mosquitoes, flies, mice, and rats).

**PROCEDURES: §483.90(i)(4)**

As part of the overall review of the facility, look for signs of vermin. Evidence of pest infestation in a particular space is an indicator of noncompliance.

**PROBES: §483.90(i)(4)**

Ask staff, residents and their representatives if they have observed any pests/vermin?

**F926**

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**§483.90(i)(5) Establish policies, in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, regarding smoking, smoking areas, and smoking safety that also take into account nonsmoking residents.**

**GUIDANCE: §483.90(i)(5)**

The use of oxygen in smoking areas and while smoking is forbidden.

**PROCEDURES: §483.90(i)(5)**

Review F689 guidance concerning smoking in the facility.

As part of the overall review of the facility, look for signs of smoking by residents, staff, visitors, guests, and non-staff.

Look for smoking areas both inside and outside of the facility.

Review policies to determine if they have been developed and are being implemented in accordance with Federal, State and local laws and regulations in regards to smoking, smoking areas and smoking safety for both smoking and non-smoking residents.

Is there resident crowding?

### **F921**

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#### **§483.90(i) Other Environmental Conditions**

**The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for residents, staff and the public.**

### **F922**

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**The facility must--**

**§483.90(i)(1) Establish procedures to ensure that water is available to essential areas when there is a loss of normal water supply;**

#### **GUIDANCE: §483.90(i)(1)**

The facility should have a written procedure which defines the source of water when there is a loss of normal water supply, including provisions for storing the water, both potable and nonpotable, a method for distributing the water and a method for estimating the volume of water required.

#### **PROCEDURES: §483.90(i)(1)**

During the entrance conference, ask the administrator the facility's procedure to ensure water availability.

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**§483.90(i)(2) Have adequate outside ventilation by means of windows, or mechanical ventilation, or a combination of the two.**

#### **PROBES: §483.90(i)(2)**

Is the space ventilated by means of windows, or mechanical ventilation, or a combination of the two?

Is there good air circulation?

### **F924**

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**§483.90(i)(3) Equip corridors with firmly secured handrails on each side.**

#### **GUIDANCE §483.90(i)(3)**