

“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?

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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?

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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.