

**WAC 388-97-2300 Telephones on resident care units.** The nursing home must provide 24-hour access to a telephone for resident use per RCW 18.51.575 which:

- (1) Provides auditory privacy;
- (2) Allows for communications with family, medical providers, and others;
- (3) Allows for emergency contact to and from facility staff;
- (4) Is accessible to a person with a disability and accommodates a person with sensory impairment; and
- (5) Does not require payment for local calls.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.20.090, 70.97.230, 70.128.040, chapters 70.129, 74.42, and 74.39 RCW. WSR 25-16-099, s 388-97-2300, filed 8/6/25, effective 9/6/25. Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-2300, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]