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Outdoor Visitation Requirements

Due to restrictions, many health care facilities have requested to use outdoor spaces for resident visitation. This document lists fire code requirements to be followed to allow this. Please note that this document does not address the use of tents or other enclosed spaces. A different document is available for those uses. The document can apply to all health care facilities.

The space must be substantially open to the atmosphere. Walls, sheeting or screening to provide wind breaks or weather enclosures are only permitted with the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

Proper exiting must be provided.

- Egress openings must provide at least 41.5 inches of clear width
- Tables, chairs, clear plastic barriers and similar objects cannot obstruct access to exits.

If the visitation space is a porch or similar arrangement that is connected to or part of the health care facility, at least one fire alarm notification device (horn/strobe) must be provided.

Extension cords are not permitted.

Heating

Portable heating appliances are not permitted. This includes patio heaters and similar electric and fuel-fired appliances.

Wood-burning fireplaces, inserts or similar solid fuel-burning appliances are not permitted

Electric fireplaces and similar permanent heating appliances are permitted when they:

- Are designed and listed to be permanently attached to or in a wall
- Receive power from permanent wiring or are plugged directly into an outlet
- Are installed and used according to their listing and the manufacturer's specifications
- Are protected by a screen or similar device to prevent contact burns

Suspended heating appliances or similar heaters mounted on or in a ceiling are permitted when:

- The space or area where they are used is Not part of an exit from the health care facility
- They are located high enough to be out of reach of persons using the area (at least 7'6" high)

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