

1 10A NCAC 13D .3404 is proposed for readoption with substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .3404 OTHER**

4 (a) In general patient areas of a facility, each room shall be served by at least one calling station and each bed shall  
5 be provided with a call button. Two call buttons serving adjacent beds may be served by one calling station. Calls  
6 shall register with the floor staff and shall activate a visible signal in the corridor at the patient's or resident's door.  
7 On multi-corridor nursing units, additional visible signals shall be installed at the corridor intersections. In rooms  
8 containing two or more calling stations, indicating lights shall be provided at each station. Nurses' calling systems  
9 that provide two-way voice communication shall be equipped with an indicating light at each calling station that lights  
10 and remains lighted as long as the voice circuit is operating. A nurses' call emergency button shall be provided for  
11 patients' and residents' use at each patient and resident toilet, bath, and shower.

12 (b) A facility shall provide:

- 13 (1) at least one telephone located to be accessible by patients, residents, and families for making local  
14 phone calls; and  
15 (2) cordless telephones or telephone jacks in patient and resident rooms to allow access to a telephone  
16 by patients and residents when needed.

17 (c) Outdoor lighting shall be provided to illuminate walkways and drives.

18 (d) A flow of hot water shall be within safety ranges specified as follows:

- 19 (1) Patient Areas – 6 ½ gallons per hour per bed and at a temperature of 100 to 116 degrees F;  
20 (2) Dietary Services – 4 gallons per hour per bed and at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees F; and  
21 (3) Laundry Areas – 4 ½ gallons per hour per bed and at a minimum temperature of 140 degrees F.

22 (e) If provided in a facility, medical gas and vacuum systems shall be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance  
23 with the National Fire Protection Association Health Care Facilities Code, NFPA 99, which is incorporated by  
24 reference, including all subsequent amendments and editions. Copies of this code may be ~~purchased for a cost of sixty-~~  
25 ~~one dollars (\$61.00) from the National Fire Protection Association online at <http://nfp.org/catalog/> or accessed~~  
26 electronically free of charge at  
27 <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=99>.~~http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-~~  
28 ~~standards/nfpa-99-standard-development/99.~~

29 (f) Each facility shall have a control mechanism and staff procedures for monitoring and managing patients who  
30 wander or are disoriented. The control mechanism shall include egress alarms and any of the following:

- 31 (1) an electronic locking system;  
32 (2) manual locks; and  
33 (3) staff supervision.

34 This requirement applies to new and existing facilities.

35 (g) Sections of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Codes, NFPA 101, 2012 edition listed in this  
36 Paragraph are adopted by reference.

- 1 (1) 18.2.3.4 with requirements for projections into the means of egress corridor width of wheeled  
2 equipment and fixed furniture;
- 3 (2) 18.3.2.5 with requirements for the installation of cook tops, ovens and ranges in rooms and areas  
4 open to the corridors;
- 5 (3) 18.5.2.3(2), (3) and (4) with requirements for the installation of direct-vent gas and solid fuel-  
6 burning fireplaces in smoke compartments; and
- 7 (4) 18.7.5.6 with requirements for the installation of combustibile decorations on walls, doors and  
8 ceilings.

9 Smoke compartments where the requirements of these Sections are applied must be protected throughout by an  
10 approved automatic sprinkler system. For the purposed of this Rules, “smoke compartments” are spaces within a  
11 building enclosed by smoke barriers on all sides, including the top and bottom as indicated in NFP 101, 2012 edition.  
12 Where these Sections are less stringent than requirements of eh North Carolina State Building Codes, the requirements  
13 of the North Carolina State Building Codes shall apply. Where these Sections are more stringent than the North  
14 Carolina Building Coeds, the requirements of these Sections shall apply. Copies of this code may be ~~purchased for a~~  
15 ~~cost of ninety three dollars (\$93.00) from the National Fire Protection Association online at~~  
16 ~~<http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/>~~ or accessed electronically free of charge at  
17 ~~<http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=101>~~.  
18 ~~<http://nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/nfpa-99-standard-development/99>~~.

19 (h) Ovens, ranges, cook tops, and hot plates located in rooms or areas accessible by patients or residents shall not be  
20 used by patients or residents except under facility staff supervision. The degree of staff supervision shall be based on  
21 the facility’s assessment of the capabilities of each patient and resident.

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-102;131E-104;*

24 *Eff. January 1, 1996;*

25 *Amended Eff. July1, 2014;*

26 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22,*  
27 *2015-2015;*

28 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2026.*