



WISCONSIN NURSING HOME POSTING REQUIREMENTS

This publication lists references to state and federal regulations that require Wisconsin nursing homes to post various types of information. Nursing homes are surveyed for compliance with these regulations by the Department of Health Services, Division of Quality Assurance (DQA). **See the actual statute, rule, or regulation for the details of each posting requirement.**

DQA Regional Office Contact Information

Required contact information for DQA, Bureau of Nursing Home Resident Care regional offices is available online at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dqa/bnhrc-regionalmap.htm>

DISCLAIMER: This publication does **NOT** provide a comprehensive list of all federal, state, and municipal laws or other regulations that may require posting, signage, or markings in all types of buildings or businesses (e.g., posting of anti-discrimination laws). Nursing homes should obtain legal advice to ensure that all types of required postings are in compliance.

WISCONSIN STATUTES

Chapter 50, Uniform Licensure

1. Wis. Stat. § 50.03(4)(e) specifies where a nursing home license must be posted.
2. Wis. Stat. § 50.04(2v) requires a nursing home to conspicuously post:
 - (a) A notice, provided by the board on aging and long-term care, of the name, address, and telephone number of the long-term care ombudsman program.
 - (b) The most recent copy of the report for the nursing home specified by Wis. Stat. § 50.095(3).
3. Wis. Stat. § 50.04(3)(c) specifies how and where to post the most recent department biennial inspection report.
4. Wis. Stat. § 50.09(4) specifies how and where to post resident rights, responsibilities and facility's rules upon admission or commitment.

Chapter 51, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Developmental Disability, Mental Health Act

1. Wis. Stat. § 51.61(1)(a) specifies that patients who receive services for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism or drug dependency must be informed orally and in writing of their rights under this subsection, how and where to post such rights, and includes a requirement to make copies available to patient's guardian and immediate family.
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WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Chapter DHS 94, Patient Rights and Grievances

1. Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 94.04(1) specifies how, where, and in what manner patients are to be notified of their rights in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 51.61(1)(a).

Chapter DHS 132, Nursing Homes

1. Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 132.53(6)(a)2.(6) specifies how and where to post resident's right to appeal a transfer or discharge decision.

2. Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 132.82(3)(a) specifies how and where to post diagram of exits, alarms, evacuation routes, and fire extinguishers in event of fire or other disaster.
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FEDERAL NURSING HOME REGULATIONS – CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR)

1. State Operations Manual (SOM) § F156 – CFR § 483.10(g)(5). A facility must furnish a written description of legal rights which includes: (iii) A posting of names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of all pertinent state client advocacy groups such as the state survey and certification agency, the state licensure office, the state ombudsman program, the protection and advocacy network, and the Medicaid fraud control unit; a statement that the resident may file a complaint with the state survey agency concerning any suspected violation of a state or federal nursing facility regulation and noncompliance with advance directives; and, requests for information regarding returning to the community.
 2. SOM § F167 – CFR § 483.10(g)(11) – How to post notice of availability of federal or state survey results
 3. SOM § F356 – CFR § 483.35(g) – How and where to post information about daily nurse staffing
 4. SOM § F464 – CFR § 483.90(g)(2) – Posting requirements regarding nonsmoking areas in dining and resident activity rooms
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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

1. ID Prefix K-38 / NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (2000 edition)

Section 7.2.1.6.1 – Signage for operation of delayed-egress locks

Section 7.10.8.1 – Signage for doors, passages, or stairways that are not an exit

2. ID Prefix K-66 / NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (2000 edition)

Sections 18.7.4 and 19.7.4 – Posting where smoking is prohibited

3. ID Prefix K-76 / NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code (1999 edition)

Section 8-6.4.2 – How and where to post signs regarding supplemental oxygen and exception for health care facilities where smoking is prohibited and signs are prominently placed at all major entrances.

4. ID Prefix K-135 / NFPA 30 Flammable & Combustible Liquids Code (2000 edition)

Section 4.6.2.1 – Marking storage tanks containing flammable liquids

Section 4.6.2.2 – Marking storage tanks to identify fire hazards

5. ID Prefix K-143 / NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code (1999 edition)

Section 8-6.2.5.2 – Posting when transferring liquid oxygen and that smoking in the area is not permitted

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT – SECTION 1150B

Survey & Certification Memo 11-30-NH (Revised 01.20.12) – Section B.1.c) of the memo requires Medicare- or Medicaid-participating LTC facility to post notice specifying employees' rights including right to file a complaint.

https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/surveycertificationgeninfo/downloads/scletter11_30.pdf