

**15-DAY EXPRESS TERMS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2**

Legend for Express Terms:

1. **45-day California amendment:** Amended California language will appear with new words underlined, and omitted language will appear in ~~strikeout~~.
2. **15-day Amended, adopted, or repealed language:** Amended, adopted, or repealed language will appear in double underlined and ~~double strikeout~~.
3. **Rationale:** The justification for the change is shown after each section or series of related changes.
4. **Notation:** Authority and reference citation are provided in the 45-day express terms.

EXPRESS TERMS

**CHAPTER 12
INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT**

**SECTION 1224 [OSHPD 1]
HOSPITALS**

1224.3 Definitions.

RESTRICTED AREA. *A designated space with limited access eligibility. Such space has one or more of the following attributes: specific signage, physical barriers, security controls and protocols that delineate requirements for monitoring, maintenance, attire, and use. The term is often applied to specialized procedure suites, such as operating rooms and suites, ~~interview~~ interventional imaging, ~~cardiology cath~~ cardiac catheterization labs, angiography suites, etc.*

Recommendation:

Based on criterion 6, OSHPD proposes to clarify the definition with industry standard nomenclature to provide clear and unambiguous language.

Rationale:

Based on public comment, the proposed language of the definition is modified to align with industry standard nomenclature "cardiac catheterization." Typographical error "interview" was unintentional.

1224.4.4.2 Specimen and blood collection facilities.

1224.4.4.2.1 Specimen collection facilities. When provided, specimen collection facilities shall

comply with the following requirements:

1. Urine collection rooms shall be equipped with a water closet and handwashing station.

Exception: The handwashing station may be located immediately outside the collection room when the specimen is used for drug testing.

2. Use of the toilet room provided within the examination and treatment room shall be permitted for specimen collection.

Recommendation:

Based on criterion 3, OSHPD proposes to add an exception to the urine collection requirements to maintain control over drug testing samples.

Rationale:

Based on public comment, the proposed exception avoids unnecessary cost for building toilets to accommodate direct observation, and mandating operational costs for observation in situations where it wouldn't be strictly necessary. For drug testing, urine collection must either be observed, or conducted in a room that does not allow the specimen to be diluted or otherwise contaminated. Although drug testing is an unusual function in hospital services, this section is also used in reference to primary care clinics where such testing is more common.

1124.4.10 Ceiling heights.

1224.4.10.1 Minimum height. *The minimum height of ceilings shall be 8 feet (2438 mm).*

Exception: *Closet, toilet room and bathroom minimum ceiling heights shall not be less than 7 feet (2134 mm).*

1224.4.10.2 Minimum height with fixed ceiling equipment. *Operating rooms, emergency rooms, delivery rooms, radiographic rooms and other rooms containing ceiling-mounted, major fixed equipment or ceiling-mounted surgical light fixtures shall have ceiling heights to accommodate the equipment or fixtures and their normal movement. Suspended tracks, rails and pipes located in the traffic path for patients in beds and/or on stretchers, including those in inpatient service areas, shall be not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) above the floor.*

Exception: *Mobile suspended tracks such as traverse rails for overhead patient lifts which may be moved out of the traffic path shall provide a clearance of not less than 6 feet, 8 inches (2032mm) above the floor when in use.*

Recommendation:

Based on criterion 3, OSHPD proposes to add an exception to allow overhead patient lift systems which include mobile traverse rails that may be moved out of the traffic path, to have a lower clearance when in use.

Rationale:

Based on public comment, the Office has become aware that without adding an exception to the proposed code change it may preclude the provision of certain patient lifts in new or existing facilities. Since patient lifts use either a single fixed rail or two fixed upper rails with a mobile traverse rail; the

mobile rail of an overhead lift may be positioned against a wall and out of the way when not in use, leaving the higher clearance.

**SECTION 1226 [OSHPD 3]
CLINICS**

1226.4.13.2 Medication station. ~~This may be a part of the administrative center or nurse station and shall include all of the following:~~ Provision shall be made for distribution of medications. This shall be done from a medicine preparation room or a self-contained medicine dispensing unit.

- ~~1. Work counter~~
- ~~2. Sink~~
- ~~3. Lockable refrigerator~~
- ~~4. Convenient access to handwashing fixture~~
- ~~5. Locked storage for biologicals and drugs~~

1226.4.13.2.1 Medicine preparation room or area. When provided, the entry of the medicine preparation room or area shall be under the visual control of the staff. This may be a part of the administrative center or nurse station and shall include all of the following:

1. Work counter
2. Sink
3. Lockable refrigerator
4. Convenient access to handwashing fixture
5. Locked storage for biologicals and drugs

When a medicine preparation room or area is to be used to store self-contained medicine dispensing units, the room shall be designed with adequate space to prepare medicines with the self-contained medicine-dispensing units present.

1226.4.13.2.2 Self-contained medicine-dispensing unit. When provided, the location of a self-contained medicine-dispensing unit shall be permitted in the clean workroom or at the administrative center or nurses' station provided there is adequate security for medications and adequate lighting to easily identify drugs. Convenient access to handwashing fixture shall be provided.

Recommendation:

Based on criterion 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, recommend reformatting and amending originally proposed language including: relocate language from 1226.4.13.2 and add it to Section 1226.4.13.2.1; amend the provision for "medication station"; and add the words "the entry of" to Section 1226.4.13.2.1 for clarification.

Rationale:

The proposed amendment to relocate language from Section 1226.4.13.2 to 1226.4.13.2.1 will provide clarification and mitigate misinterpretation. As originally formatted, the language could have been construed to require two (2) handwashing fixtures when the medicine preparation area was provided as part of the administrative center or nurse station. The language added to Section 1226.4.13.2 describes the type of room or unit that is necessary for medication distribution. In addition, the words "the entry of" are added in Section 1226.4.13.2.1 to make it clear that staff must have visual control of the entrance to the medication preparation room or area, not the room itself. Without this amendment the language could be interpreted to mean that staff must have visual control of the entire room or area.

1226.4.13.4 Soiled workroom or soiled holding room. Soiled workroom or soiled holding room shall be provided and contain:

1. Clinic sink

Exception: For primary care clinics, a utility sink or patient toilet room equipped with a bedpan flushing device may be provided in lieu of a clinic sink. A utility sink may be used for soaking or rinsing ~~a soaking sink or rinse sink~~ and shall be provided as appropriate to the method of decontamination used.

2. Handwashing fixture

3. Work counter

4. Storage cabinets

5. A designated area for waste receptacle(s)

6. A designated area for soiled linen receptacle(s)

Where rooms are used for temporary holding of materials, provisions shall be made for separate collection, storage, and disposal of soiled materials. Soiled and clean utility rooms or holding rooms shall be separated and have no direct connection.

Recommendation:

Based on criterion 6, OSHPD proposes to modify the explanation of utility sink and clarify that waste and soiled linen receptacle(s) must be in a designated area.

Rationale:

Based on public comment, the proposed change to the language of this exception provides clarity for the possible purposes of a utility sink in the soiled utility space. The original proposed language did not make clear the function of a utility sink in this context. Additionally, the originally proposed language would have required receptacles for waste and soiled linens. The change makes it clear that a designated area is required for these for the receptacles.