

## AESTHETICS, HYGIENE & SANITATION

### THE LAW

Each patient shall... "Have a right to a **humane psychological and physical environment** within the hospital facilities. These facilities shall be designed to afford patients with comfort and safety, promote dignity and respect and ensure privacy. Facilities shall also be designed to make a positive contribution to the effective attainment of the treatment goals of the hospital." § 51.61(1)(m), Wis. Stats. [Emphasis added.]

"Treatment facilities shall provide patients with a **clean, safe and humane environment** as required under s. 51.61(1)(m), Stats., and this section." DHS 94.24(1), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

"Each **inpatient** shall be assisted to achieve maximum capability in **personal hygiene** and self-grooming and shall have **reasonable access** to:

1. **Toilet articles;**
2. **Toothbrush and dentifrice;**
3. A **shower or tub bath at least once every 2 days**, unless medically contraindicated;
4. Services of a **barber or beautician** on a regular basis; and
5. **Shaving equipment** and facilities."

DHS 94.24(2)(f), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

"**Inpatients** shall be allowed to provide **their own room decorations** except that a facility may restrict this right for documented security or safety reasons. Facilities may adopt policies **restricting** where patients may **display sexually explicit** or **patently offensive** room decorations and **may prohibit gang-related room decorations**."

DHS 94.24(2)(j), Wis. Admin. Code [Emphasis added.]

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### DECISIONS

[None at this time.]

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