

TOILETS - - ACCESS TO

THE LAW

Each patient shall... "Have a right to a **humane psychological** and physical **environment** within the hospital facilities..." § 51.61(1)(m), Wis. Stats. [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; ...
5. **Shaving equipment** and facilities."

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

- "1. Each inpatient shall have **unscheduled access to a working flush toilet and sink**, except when the patient is in **seclusion** or for **security reasons** or when **medically contraindicated**.
2. Upon request of the patient, the legal guardian of an incompetent patient or the parent of a minor, **staff of the same sex** shall be available to assist the patient in toileting or bathing.
3. Every patient in isolation or seclusion shall be provided an **opportunity for access to a toilet** at least every **30 minutes**."

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

[Note: See also, **Restrictive measures** section for toilet access during restraint and/or seclusion and **Privacy in Toileting and Bathing** section in this Digest.]

DECISIONS

[None at this time.]

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