

**15A NCAC 18A .1826    PHYSICAL FACILITIES**

- (a) Handwashing sinks as required in Rule .1825 in this Section shall be supplied with hand soap, and either individual, disposable towels; a continuous towel system that supplies the user with a clean towel; a heated-air hand drying device; or a hand drying device that employs an air-knife system that delivers high velocity, pressurized air at ambient temperatures. Handwashing sinks in guest rooms shall be supplied with soap and clean towels.
- (b) Toilets or urinals shall be provided as in Rule .1825 of this Section and shall have a supply of toilet tissues available at each toilet.
- (c) Sinks, vanities, toilets, and showers in guest rooms shall be cleaned and sanitized between guests.
- (d) The light intensity shall be minimum 215 lux/20 foot candles at a distance of 75 cm/30 inches above the floor in areas used for handwashing, warewashing, and equipment and utensil storage, and in toilet rooms.
- (e) Where natural ventilation only is provided, outside openings shall be screened and in good repair. Windows and doors shall be kept clean and in good repair.
- (f) Physical facilities shall be kept clean and in good repair.
- (g) Perimeter walls and roofs shall protect the lodging establishment from the weather and the entry of insects, rodents, and other pests.
- (h) Furnishings, bathroom fixtures, carpets, and other accessories in guest rooms, shall be kept clean and in good repair.
- (i) The premises and guest rooms shall be maintained free of insects, rodents, and other pests. The presence of insects, rodents, and other pests shall be controlled to eliminate their presence on the premises by: inspecting incoming shipments of food and supplies; inspecting the premises for evidence of pests; and eliminating harborage conditions.
- (j) Live animals shall be prohibited from entering areas of food preparation, storage, sales, display, or dining. This excludes service animals accompanying persons with disabilities in areas that are not used for food preparation.

*History Note:*     *Authority G.S. 130A-4; 130A-6; 130A-248;*  
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