

**15A NCAC 18A .3320 STORAGE**

(a) Rooms or spaces shall be provided for the storage of equipment, furniture, clothes, beds, cots, mats, and supplies and shall be kept clean. Shelving or other storage, constructed in a manner to facilitate cleaning, shall be provided for orderly storage of supplies and equipment.

(b) All corrosive agents, insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides, bleaches, detergents, polishes, items containing petroleum products, any product which is under pressure in an aerosol dispensing can, and any substance which may be hazardous if ingested, inhaled, or handled shall be stored in a locked storage room or cabinet, locked with a combination lock or key except at psychosocial rehabilitation programs where participants need access to the chemicals. Keys shall be kept out of the reach of participants and shall not be stored in the lock.

(c) A properly mixed sanitizing solution and a mild detergent solution approved by the Department shall not be required to be stored in a locked storage room or locked cabinet. These solutions shall be clearly labeled.

(d) Medications not under the control of a participant shall be stored in a separate locked cabinet or other locked container. Medications which require refrigeration shall be stored in a locked box or locked container in a refrigerator.

(e) Closets, lockers, or coat hooks shall be provided for storage of coats, hats, or similar items. Personal items such as toothbrushes, dentures or combs shall be stored in containers labeled with the participant's name.

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