GOVERNMENT NOTICE 2004

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 3 (6)

REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

A. LOCATION OF BUILDING

1. The premises and the site shall be preferably situated in a residential peaceful area, far from any airport, a highway, marshy land, any activity or workshop which creates dust, odour, noise and other environmental hazards.
2. The access road leading to the home shall be in good condition.
3. Access to the building shall be user friendly for the disabled.

B. SANITARY CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL STATE OF BUILDING

1. The building shall be structurally sound with regard to the security and protection of the residents and shall not allow the ingress of water specially during cyclones.
2. The building / site shall be for the exclusive use of residents of the home.
3. All rooms shall have adequate openings for natural light and allow fresh air and proper lighting. Lighting facilities shall also be provided.
4. The floors shall be covered with hard skid-proof materials.
5. All corridors shall not be less than 1m60 wide and fitted with handrails on at least one side of the corridors.
6. Electrical installations shall comply with Mauritian standard MS 63- Code of Practice.
7. The water supplied to the home for drinking purposes shall be sufficient and potable.
8. Storage tanks shall be provided to ensure constant water supply to the whole premises and shall not be less than 0.4m$^3$ per resident for two running days.
9. All solid and liquid wastes shall be disposed of to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Ministry for health.

C. FIRE SAFETY FACILITIES

1. Means of escape
   
i. There shall be provided at least two separate, one alternate to the other from each floor. The total distance of travel shall not exceed 15m from any point from which escape can be made to-
a) A final exit;
b) The door to a stairway which is protected;
c) The door to a protected escape route; or
d) The door to a protected area.

ii. A door used for means of escape shall-

a) Open in the direction of escape; and
b) Be of at least 30 minutes fire resistant.

iii. Spiral staircases, ladders, chutes, lowering lines and other manipulative emergency devices for rescue are not acceptable as means of escape.

iv. Doors used for means of escape shall be kept unlock from the inside and unobstructed at all times when people are in the building.

v. Where an external stairway exists it will be necessary to ensure that-

a) The use of it at the time of a fire cannot be hindered by smoke and flame issuing from openings (e.g windows, doors) in the external wall of the building.
b) It is made of fire resisting material.

2. Emergency lighting

Emergency lighting shall be provided in all habitable areas and areas leading to escape routes, as well as in the escape routes.

3. Means of giving warning in case of fire.

An audible and visual fire warning system shall be provided in all premises.
The fire-warning signal shall be audible or perceptible throughout the premises.

4. Firefighting equipment

One 4 Kg dry powder portable fire extinguisher shall be provided for every floor area of 100m² or part thereof.

5. Miscellaneous

Fire safety signs and notices shall be displaced and shall comply with Mauritian Standard MS 109.
D. **LAY OUT PLAN OF THE HOME**

It shall consist of the following:-

1. A reception hall / room
2. Bedrooms
3. Sanitary block
4. Alimentary section (Kitchen)
5. Dining / living Room
6. Recreational Room (TV Room, Playroom, Reading Room)
7. Laundry section
8. Administrative section
9. Consultation and treatment room except where the residents are exclusively accommodated in single rooms
10. Staff quarters
11. A room for the keeping of corpse except where the residents are exclusively accommodated in single rooms.