

Memory Care Regulations

NAC 449.2756 Residential facility which provides care to persons with Alzheimer's disease: Standards for safety; personnel required; training for employees. ([NRS 449.037](#))

1. The administrator of a residential facility which provides care to persons with Alzheimer's disease shall ensure that:

(a) Swimming pools and other bodies of water are fenced or protected by other acceptable means.

(b) Operational alarms, buzzers, horns or other audible devices which are activated when a door is opened are installed on all doors that may be used to exit the facility.

(c) At least one member of the staff is awake and on duty at the facility at all times.

(d) Each employee of the facility who has direct contact with and provides care to residents with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease, successfully completes the training and continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 449.2768](#).

(e) Knives, matches, firearms, tools and other items that could constitute a danger to the residents of the facility are inaccessible to the residents.

(f) The facility has an area outside the facility or a yard adjacent to the facility that:

(1) May be used by the residents for outdoor activities;

(2) Has at least 40 square feet of space for each resident in the facility;

(3) Is fenced; and

(4) Is maintained in a manner that does not jeopardize the safety of the residents.

➔ All gates leading from the secured, fenced area or yard to an unsecured open area or yard must be locked and keys for gates must be readily available to the members of the staff of the facility at all times.

(g) All toxic substances are not accessible to the residents of the facility.

2. The training required pursuant to [NAC 449.2768](#) may be used to satisfy the requirement of paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of [NAC 449.196](#) for the year in which the training is received.

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NAC 449.2768 Residential facility which provides care to persons with dementia: Training for employees. ([NRS 449.0357](#), [449.037](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the administrator of a residential facility which provides care to persons with any form of dementia shall ensure that:

(a) Each employee of the facility who has direct contact with and provides care to residents with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease, successfully completes:

(1) Within the first 40 hours that such an employee works at the facility after he is initially employed at the facility, at least 2 hours of training in providing care, including emergency care, to a resident with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, Alzheimer's disease, and providing support for the members of the resident's family.

(2) In addition to the training requirements set forth in subparagraph (1), within 3 months after such an employee is initially employed at the facility, at least 8 hours of training in providing care to a resident with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, Alzheimer's disease.

(3) If such an employee is licensed or certified by an occupational licensing board, at least 3 hours of continuing education in providing care to a resident with dementia, which must be completed on or before the anniversary date of the first date the employee was initially employed at the facility. The requirements set forth in this subparagraph are in addition to those set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (2), may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements of an occupational licensing board, and do not constitute additional hours or units of continuing education required by the occupational licensing board.

(4) If such an employee is a caregiver, other than a caregiver described in subparagraph (3), at least 3 hours of training in providing care to a resident with dementia, which must be completed on or before the anniversary date of the first date the employee was initially employed at the facility. The requirements set forth in this subparagraph are in addition to those set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (2).

(b) The facility maintains proof of completion of the hours of training and continuing education required pursuant to this section in the personnel file of each employee of the facility who is required to complete the training or continuing education.

2. A person employed by a facility which provides care to persons with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease, is not required to complete the hours of training or continuing education required pursuant to this section if he has completed that training within the previous 12 months.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Health by R071-04, eff. 8-4-2004)

REVISER'S NOTE.

The regulation of the Board of Health filed with the Secretary of State on August 4, 2004 (LCB File No. R071-04), the source of this section (section 5 of the regulation), contains the following provisions not included in NAC:

"1. Each person who on August 4, 2004, is employed by a residential facility for groups which provides care to persons with any form of dementia, including, without limitation, dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease, and who is required to complete the hours of training and continuing education related to dementia required pursuant to section 5 of this regulation [[NAC 449.2768](#)] shall complete at least 8 hours of training and continuing education related to dementia within 12 months after August 4, 2004, unless the person has completed the training or continuing education within the 12 months before August 4, 2004.

2. Evidence that such a person has completed the training or continuing education required pursuant to subsection 1 must be included in his personnel file and must be kept at the facility."