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Ventilation in Homes for the Aged	Home for Aged Rule 74(9)
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A room is to be provided with the type and amount of ventilation, which will control odors and contribute to the comfort of occupants.

This is interpreted to mean that for rooms requiring exhaust ventilation; including bathing rooms, beauty shops, toilet rooms, soiled linen rooms, janitor closets, and trash holding rooms shall be provided with a minimum of 10 air changes per hour of continuously operated exhaust ventilation that provides discernible air flow into each of these rooms. In addition, the fan shall be located as near as possible to the point where the air is exhausted to the outside and the discharge shall be located at least 10 feet from all operable windows and fresh air intakes.