

**44:04:17:09. Quality of life.** A facility must provide care and an environment that contributes to the resident's quality of life, including:

- (1) A safe, clean, comfortable, and homelike environment;
- (2) Maintenance or enhancement of the resident's ability to preserve individuality, exercise self-determination, and control everyday physical needs;
- (3) Freedom from physical or chemical restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience;
- (4) Freedom from verbal, sexual, physical, and mental abuse and from involuntary seclusion, neglect, or exploitation imposed by anyone, and theft of personal property;
- (5) Retention and use of personal possessions, including furnishings and clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents; and
- (6) Support and coordination to assure pain is recognized and addressed appropriately.

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**Cross-Reference:** Care policies for nursing facilities, § 44:04:04:11.