



## **Category 4: Facilities**

### **OPTIONAL**

#### **4.13 Practice prevents noise and vibration.**

*Note: Not all options for this standard are featured here.*

##### **Isolate mechanical equipment**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Placing mechanical equipment such as pumps far away from patient housing and treatment areas.
- Providing full-height sealed sound isolation walls around noisy mechanical equipment.
- Placing rooftop air handling equipment away from patient housing areas.

##### **Prevention of unnecessary operational noise**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Quiet casters for chairs. Put rubberized casters on chairs (rather than hard plastic ones) to prevent clattering when chairs are rolled over tile or other hard floor surfaces.
- Placing mats under rolling chairs to prevent noise.
- Using non-audible paging systems.
- Using quiet, regularly maintained clippers.
- Refraining from shouting or playing loud music.

##### **Sound-dampening materials used in housing**

*Examples include but are not limited to:*

- Manufacturers of animal housing carry quiet latches and hinges for their products.
  - These can be specified with new cages or retrofitted to old ones.
  - Use these products when possible to eliminate slamming and squeaking.
- Insulated or solid kennel panels to prevent noise