

Correct Safety Issues for Acute Mental Health Ward B35CD

Project 538-115 Impact

Questions and Answers

1. Drawing 35EP101 General Note L

Please clarify requirement for TAMPERPROOF COVERS , I understand TAMPERPROOF SCREWS
Is this requirement for only new devices , what about existing devices that are to remain

ANSWER: For new receptacles, a VA standard 302 stainless steel cover plate and tamperproof screw shall be provided. Within project boundaries as identified on architectural sheet A301, all existing devices that are to remain unchanged (where a patient could be alone, sleeping room, restroom, shower room, etc.) have an existing SS cover plate. Provide new tamper proof screws for existing SS cover plate if one is not already in place. Any new fire alarm, nurse call, etc... provided shall have a tamper proof cover and screw assembly to comply with VA design manual. All devices N.I.C. shall remain as existing and unchanged under this project.

2. Drawing 35EL101 General Note Q

Are tamperproof screws required for only new devices , what about existing devices that are to remain

ANSWER: For new wall switches, a VA standard 302 stainless steel cover plate and tamperproof screw shall be provided. Within project boundaries as identified on architectural sheet A301, all existing devices that are to remain unchanged (where a patient could be alone, sleeping room, restroom, shower room, etc.) have an existing SS cover plate. Provide new tamper proof screws for existing SS cover plate if one is not already in place. All devices N.I.C. shall remain as existing and unchanged under this project.

3. Drawing 35ET101

Please clarify symbol (" V " with W) that are indicated in both Visitation rooms 2C101 & 2B120

ANSWER: Wall phone outlet, 46" M.H. Review addendum #1 and new attached sheet 35ET101

4. Demolition note P states that No free liquids, emulcifiers or flowable solvents will allowed to remove the existing asbestos (mastic). Would wet scraping the rough edges off of the mastic and encapsulating the remaining mastic with Ardex P51 which is a surface prep material be acceptable? If not, does the VA's environmental consultant have any suggestions to remove the remaining mastic. Grinding and bead blasting are not acceptable methods.

ANSWER: Where the contract documents indicate the removal of asbestos containing mastic, partial removal and encapsulation is unacceptable.

The removal solvent is acceptable, it should not be allowed to pool so that it would become "flowable". We would suggest using a spray / mist from a Windex type bottle to spray on the mastic to let it dissolve and agitate it/wipe it clean – essentially the Contractor should not be pouring any liquid from a bottle or container. In order to accomplish this in an effort to try and eliminate any liquids from having the possibility to find holes/cracks and to leak onto the floor below (however, if they do, the contractor is fully responsible for the cleanup including the costs associated with it and the replacement of materials / and any air sampling). Therefore a mist of sufficient amount as needed but not liquid enough to keep it from pooling and flowing. Exact means and Methods will be up to the Contractor as long as doing so does not violate regulations and the Contract Documents.