



Residential Care Facilities 6 or Fewer Clients of Any age – “R-3.1” Occupancy Inspection Requirements

Requirements	OK	N/A	Violation
Install approved address identification			
Exit doors shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or special knowledge and require one motion to open			
Two exits are required			
Exit doors must provide a continuous exit egress to a public way. Gates within the egress shall comply with the exit door hardware CFC Sec. 1026.1			
Exit door width shall be not less than 32 inches			
Exit doors and exit paths shall not be obstructed in any manner			
Deadbolts night latches and security chains are prohibited on any exit door			
Hallways shall be a minimum of 36 inches in width			
Fire access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles			
All decorative material, including Christmas trees, shall be treated with a flame retardant solution approved by the State Fire Marshal			
Facilities that serve non-ambulatory clients shall provide ramps conforming to CA Building Code			
Any change over 1/2 inches in elevation shall be beveled or ramped			
The fire resistive wall separating the garage from the house shall be maintained in good repair			
A fire rated door separating the garage from the house shall be maintained closed with self closure and positive latching			
At least one approved manual pull station with bell is required			
Smoke detectors are required in all hallways leading to bedrooms and in all bedrooms			
A minimum of one 2A 10BC fire extinguisher is required to be installed on each floor			
Extinguishers shall be easily accessible, wall mounted at a height not less than 4 inches or more than 48 inches from floor			
Extinguishers shall be serviced annually, after use, and when gauge indicates. Current service tag shall be attached			
Travel distance to the fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet			
Combustible rubbish shall be removed from the building daily			
Oily rags and similar materials shall be stored in metal, metal lined, or other approved containers with tight fitting lid			
Discontinue use of extension cords and cubed adapters in lieu of permanent wiring			
A working space of not less than 30 in. in width; 36 in. in depth; and 78 in. in height in front of electrical equipment			
Cords shall not be affixed to or extended through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors, carpets nor subject to physical damage			
Electrical main and sub-panels shall be labeled as to the areas served and not taped in the "on" position			
Electrical cords shall be kept in good condition with no splices			
Rooms containing boiler and heating equipment shall be separated by one hour fire resistive construction			
Fire hydrants and fire protection equipment shall not be obstructed			
Multiplug adaptors, unfused plug strips, or other such devices not complying with the CA Electrical code are prohibited			
Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, or electrical equipment room			
With exceptions, combustible waste containers shall not be stored in buildings or placed within 5 ft. of walls, opening, or roof eaves			

Fire protection, detection, and suppression systems shall be maintained, extended, altered, or repaired when necessary to remain in service condition			
Combustible waste containers larger than 40 gallons shall be constructed of noncombustible material, or approved material with lid			
Storage of combustible materials shall be orderly, and separated from heating devices by distance or shielding			
Egress in common areas shall be illuminated at all times			
The common path of egress travel shall not exceed 75 feet, except in sprinkled R-2 occupancies (125 ft.)			
An operational permit is required for storage, handling, or use of 5 gallons of flammable liquids indoors, 10 gallons outdoors			
Storage shall be maintained at least 18 inches below sprinkler heads			
Storage shall be maintained at least 24 inches below ceilings in un-sprinkled buildings			
Patients shall not be restrained in any manner or the ability to freely exit the building			
For sprinkler systems they shall be inspected/serviced quarterly and tested every 5 years			