



FIRE PREVENTION MANUAL

CODE REQUIREMENTS

402.004 GROUP HOMES FOR SIX OR LESS AMBULATORY CHILDREN

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SCOPE

Explain fire clearance requirements for R3.1 occupancies housing six or less ambulatory clients between the ages 0 to 18 years old.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the requirements to issue a fire clearance for an R3.1 occupancy with 6 or less ambulatory occupants between the ages of 0 to 18 years. (See exception in occupancy definitions of the California Building Code (CBC) and California Fire Code (CFC) which exempts the R3.1s specified above from Section 425 requirements.)

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met:

1. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed per the current CBC and CFC.
2. No unpermitted construction.
3. No electrical hazards.
4. Code compliant exiting.
5. Unmodified occupancy separation (attached garages).
6. Installation of portable fire extinguisher with a minimum classification of 2A:10B:C.
7. Posted evacuation plan with diagram of house and meeting place.

REFERENCES

California Fire Code
California Building Code