



RESIDENTIAL CARE/GROUP HOME CODE GUIDE

Residential Group R3 – Personal Care

Fire Protection Requirements

(5) or fewer people receiving care.

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler System – Required
 - NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, or NFPA 13R with a swing check valve approved for residential use.
 - All risers shall be located on the interior of the residential structure.
- Smoke Alarms – Required
 - Installed in accordance with the International Residential Code and NFPA 72.

Residential Group R3 – Directed Care

Fire Protection Requirements

(5) or fewer people who are receiving custodial care involving assistance with daily tasks, medication, bathing, and who evacuate slowly or have mental and psychiatric complications.

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler System – Required
 - NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, or NFPA 13R with a swing check valve approved for residential use.
 - Waterflow signals shall be transmitted to an approved supervising station.
 - All risers shall be located on the interior of the residential structure.
- Fire Alarm System – Required
 1. Auto Dialer, Smoke detector above the FACP, Pull station at the panel, panel location at discretion of the fire code official; and
 2. Primary and secondary phone lines or wireless digital alarm; and
 3. Interior horn strobe and Exterior horn strobe connected to the fire sprinkler water flow switch; and
 4. All bedrooms shall have low frequency horn strobes.
- Smoke Alarms – Required – Not reporting to the FACP
 - Installed in accordance with the International Residential Code and NFPA 72.

Residential Group R4 – Personal or Directed Care

More than five (5) but not more than sixteen (16) people are receiving care.

Fire Protection Requirements

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler System – Required
 - NFPA 13 or NFPA 13R with a swing check valve approved for residential use.
 - Waterflow signals shall be transmitted to an approved supervising station.
 - All risers shall be located on the interior of the residential structure.
- Fire Alarm System – Required
 - Auto Dialer, Smoke detector above the FACP, Pull station at the panel, panel location at discretion of the fire code official; and
 - Primary and secondary phone lines or wireless digital alarm; and
 - Interior horn strobe and Exterior horn strobe connected to the fire sprinkler water flow switch; and
 - All bedrooms shall have low frequency horn strobes.
 - This is a retroactive amendment, all Group R-4 facilities are required to install a fire alarm system in accordance with this code.
- Smoke Alarms – Required – Not reporting to the FACP
 - Installed in accordance with the International Residential Code and NFPA 72.